

Senate Council
May 2, 2011

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, May 2, 2011 in 103 Main Building. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands, unless indicated otherwise.

Chair Hollie I. Swanson called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

Faculty Trustee Election

The Chair said that she offered the candidates in the faculty trustee election a total of 20 minutes. Irina Voro (FA/Music) and Phil Kraemer (AS/Psychology) were present. The Chair added that Guest Kraemer indicated he did not wish to speak, so Guest Voro would have the floor for the entire 20 minutes.

Voro and Andrei Vorobiev, her husband, spoke for 20 minutes about their personal histories and their opinion that the ruling of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee to restart the faculty trustee election was based on faulty reasoning.

When their time was up, the Chair thanked them for attending. The Chair suggested that agenda items be taken up out of order, to accommodate invited guests. There were no objections.

2. Committee Reports

b. Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee - Dwight Denison, Chair

Proposed New Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery

Guest Denison, chair of the Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC), explained the proposal for a new Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery. There were a couple of questions from SC members for Guest Raleigh Jones (ME/Surgery).

The Chair noted that there was a **motion** on the floor from the SAOSC, to approve the proposal for a new Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery and send it to the Senate with a positive recommendation. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

a. Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) - Allison Davis, Chair

Proposed Change to College of Medicine 800- and 900-Level Courses

The Chair invited Chipper Griffith, assistant dean for medical education, to explain the proposal, which he did. SC members asked a wide variety of questions, which were all answered satisfactorily. The Chair thanked Guest Griffith for attending.

b. Proposed Change to College of Engineering Freshman Admission Requirements

The Chair invited Rick Sweigard, associate dean for administration and academic affairs, to explain the proposal, and he did so. The Chair thanked him and he departed.

a. Proposed Change to College of Medicine 800- and 900-Level Courses

SC members discussed the proposed changes to 800- and 900-level courses in the College of Medicine. After brief discussion, Grossman brought SC members' attention to the fact that there needed to be explicit language added to the *Senate Rules* to accommodate this change in the grading system. After additional discussion, Grossman **moved** that the SC provisionally approve the proposed changes to College of Medicine 800- and 900-level courses, provided that the SC is, first, provided with specific

language to incorporate into the *Senate Rules* by close of business on Wednesday, May 4, and second, provided no SC member objects by Friday, May 6 at 5pm to the proposal moving to the Senate. Nokes **seconded**. There being no additional discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

b. Proposed Change to College of Engineering Freshman Admission Requirements

SC members discussed the proposed change. Grossman spoke against it, saying that there was a lack of research into how the change will affect certain populations of students, particularly minorities and women. There were also concerns that the change in minimum GPA would simply push some students out of Engineering and into other colleges that may not have such a requirement. Dean Mark Kornbluh, from the College of Arts and Sciences, said he would appreciate more detailed enrollment information.

After additional discussion, a **vote** was taken on the **motion** from the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee to approve the proposed change to the College of Engineering Freshman Admission Requirements. The motion **failed** with one in favor, five opposed and one abstaining.

1. Winter Intersession Calendar 2011-2012

Grossman **moved** to recommend approval of the 2011-2012 Winter Intersession Calendar and send it to the Senate with a positive recommendation. Nokes **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

3. A&S Wired - College of Arts and Sciences Dean Mark Kornbluh and Professor Cristina Alcalde

Guest Dean Kornbluh and Christina Alcalde (AS/Gender and Women's Studies) offered a presentation on "A&S Wired," an initiative to be more interactive and engaged with students.

SC members asked some questions during and after the presentation. The Chair suggested that the Senate see a similar presentation in the fall, and SC members agreed **[AI]**.

6. Presentation on 2011-2012 Tuition and Fees - Executive VP for Finance and Administration Frank Butler and VP for Financial Operations and Treasurer Angie Martin

The Chair welcomed Treasurer Angie Martin and Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration Frank Butler to offer a presentation on tuition and fees. SC members had a variety of questions.

4. Proposed New Administrative Regulation on International Travel – Discussion Only

Guest Susan Carvalho, assistant provost for international affairs, explained the proposed new regulation. SC members asked a few questions, and wondered about the benefit of presenting the proposed new *Administrative Regulation* to the Senate, to help educate faculty on the new regs. Grossman **moved** that the SC recommend the Senate endorse the International Travel regulation. Steiner **seconded**. There being no additional discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

1. Minutes from April 25 and Announcements

Grossman **moved** to approve the minutes from April 25, 2011 as amended and Yanarella **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Anderson offered an update on the Outstanding Senator Award. She said the award committee met that day, and there were five outstanding nominees. She said it was wonderful to see the nominations and

letters of from faculty about the contributions of the five senators. Anderson said a plaque would be presented to the winning senator during the May 9 Senate meeting.

7. Tentative Senate Agenda for May 9

SC members discussed the tentative agenda for May 9. The item from Engineering was removed, as was the report from the parliamentarian. Guest Catherine Seago, parliamentarian, said she planned on routinely doing a report at the beginning of the year, in part for new senators, but that she would not offer a report if there were no parliamentary issues causing issues for the Senate. SC members changed the order of a number of agenda items.

Grossman suggested the Senate offer a resolution in honor of President Todd. After brief discussion, Grossman **moved** that the Senate thank President Todd for his service to the University over the past 10 years, and wish him the best in his future endeavors. There was a bit of discussion following the motion. Yanarella **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and two abstaining.

The meeting was adjourned about 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Hollie I. Swanson,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Anderson, Blonder, Nokes, Swanson, Steiner, Thelin, Wasilkowski and Yanarella.

Provost's Liaison present: Greissman.

Invited guests present: Christina Alcalde, Susan Carvalho, Marcy Deaton, Dwight Denison, Charles Griffith, Raleigh Jones, Phil Kraemer, Richard Sweigard and Irina Voro.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Tuesday, June 13, 2011.

#	√	Item	Responsibility	Completed
5.		SC subset to examine and revise the description of the administrative coordinator's job duties with a view towards increasing compensation. (7/14/10)	Grossman, Chair	
20.		Charge Senate's Academic Programs Committee with creating processes for substantive change issues (teach-out, contractual/consortium process, off-campus sites, how to reopen a suspended program). (8/23/10)	SC	
26.	√	Query VP IRPE Connie Ray about number of administrators at UK vs. benchmark institutions. (9/20/10)	Mrs. Brothers	2/1/2011 & 3/28/11
31.		Ask the Provost to submit a statement of financial and administrative feasibility for proposals prior to the proposals being sent to cmte. (10/4/10)	Greissman/SC	

36.	√	Send solicitation for Commencement Cmte Co-Chair to college associate deans. (10/18/10)	Mrs. Brothers	04/2011
40.		Draft changes to <i>Senate Rule</i> language on Senate meeting attendance policies for review by SC. (8/30/10 & 11/15/10)	Chair, Steiner	
42.		Discuss with the Provost the method of allocating resources from distance learning courses. (11/15/10)	Chair	
44.		Create ad hoc committee (perhaps with VPR and Provost) to look at what constitutes an administrative or an educational unit, and if there is a continuum or a sharp difference. (11/22/10; 12/6/10)	Chair, SC	
46.	√	Discuss election of officers, specifically who is eligible to cast votes. (12/6/10); Solicit opinions from the Senate. (2/28/11)	SC	05/2011
48.		Create a charge for a committee to review DL courses. (12/6/10)	Chair, SC	
53.		Investigate "Quality Matters" WRT distance learning courses. (1/10/11)	SC	
57.		Look into creating a Senate committee on assessment. (1/31/11)	SC	
59.	√	Invite Board of Trustees members and chair to April "State of Faculty Affairs" address. (1/31/11)	Mrs. Brothers / Chair	03/2011
60.		Deliberate during summer retreat(s) on what the SC's strategic vision is for academic facilities. (1/31/11)	SC	
62.		Determine how to address the issue of the proportionate representation of appointed Board of Trustees members. (2/7/11)	SC	
63.		Invite UofL employment ombud to SC meeting after joint ombud cmte visits the University of Cincinnati. (2/21/11)	Mrs. Brothers	
65.		Invite Associate Provost for Undergrad Ed to offer "State of Undergraduate Education" address to Senate. (2/21/11)		
66.		Invite Associate Provost for Academic Affairs about distance learning courses. (2/21/2011)	Mrs. Brothers	
65.	√	Query Connie Ray to explain use of CIP codes for courses and faculty. (2/28/11)	SC	03/2011
66.		Develop metrics for faculty input into president's performance during summer retreats. (4/4/11)	SC	
67.		Offer ideas on the presidential search process, from the faculty perspective. (4/18/11)	SC	
68.		Invite Dean Kornbluh et al to present "A&S Wired" to the Senate in fall 2011. (5/2/11)	Mrs. Brothers	