

Senate Council
November 16, 2009

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, November 16, 2009 in 103 Main Building. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a voice vote unless indicated otherwise.

Chair Dave Randall called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order about 3 pm.

1. Minutes and Announcements

The Chair solicited a motion to approve the SC minutes from October 5, October 19 and October 26. Wood **moved** to approve the SC minutes from October 5, 2009, October 19, 2009 and October 26, 2009 as distributed and Ford **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

There were a variety of announcements.

- The Chair reported that Steiner emailed his report on the Senate committees to SC members over the weekend – SC members should review the proposal and send comments to Steiner.
- SC members interested in standing for the position of SC chair should contact Mrs. Brothers as soon as possible so that she can set up an orientation session with the Chair for those interested.
- Provost's Liaison Greissman will send several documents pertaining to Advanced Practice Doctoral programs to SC members.
- One MS student was mistakenly left off of UK's December 2009 degree list due to a clerical error – Chair Randall approved that student's inclusion on said degree list.
- The University Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities (UCAPP) met with Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart on the 12th. The meeting was informative, but there were no resolutions. The Chair reported that Barnhart said he was motivated by "winning" within the sports program. There are only two collegiate teams in the SEC where athletes in each of the sports programs continue to academically progress: Vanderbilt and UK. Football and basketball are the only two sports programs at UK that make money, and that income supports the other sporting teams. There are no announced plans for UK's Athletics Association (UKAA) to contribute more money to academics; the Chair relayed that Barnhart said that UKAA contributed more money to academics than any other SEC school. Those contributions have risen over time from about \$500,000 to the present level of \$1.75 million. Provost Subbaswamy has shared revenue documents pertaining to UK HealthCare and UKAA with UCAPP members, but they have not yet been discussed.

2. Faculty TDL Policy

Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs Heidi Anderson offered background information on the policy, which she said dated back to [1997](#) – it was in need of revision, in part to change the language to reflect a Provost model. Guests Mary Ferlan (operations director, Human Resources) and Joey Payne (employee benefits and self-funded plans director, Human Resources) also answered questions from SC members. Greissman noted that under *Governing Regulations X*, the Provost was authorized to award up to six months of temporary disability leave (TDL).

SC members asked a variety of questions. The most concern pertained to ensuring that “faculty” was defined appropriately, that the revised policy be appropriately applied to faculty with appointments of less than 12 months and that some of the more medical-related language in the preamble be softened so that it could apply to the non-medical side of campus. Chappell suggested that revisions to the policy could be emailed to the SC, with a formal presentation to the Senate in December.

The Chair thanked the guests and they departed.

3. [Proposed New University Scholars Program - Baccalaureate Economics Degree from Georgetown College and Masters Degree in Agricultural Economics](#)

Larry Grabau (assistant dean, College of Agriculture), explained the proposal. After some discussion it was not clear if the Graduate Council (GC) had reviewed the proposal. SC members requested that the approval of the GC be confirmed before moving forward.

4. [Update on Code of Conduct Issue – College of Pharmacy Senator](#)

The Chair reminded SC members that the senator was ill and the update would be rescheduled.

5. [Senate Council Representatives to GC, HCCC, UC](#)

SC members discussed the matter, and the individuals below stated that they were willing to serve as a representative to the respective council.

- Hollie Swanson, Graduate Council
- Debra Anderson, Health Care Colleges Council
- Shelly Steiner, Undergraduate Council

6. [Tabled Motion from October 19, 2009](#)

SC members revisited the motion tabled from the October 19 SC meeting:

Move that the SC invite Mitch Barnhart to the SC to talk about the Athletics Association (AA) budget and discuss the following issues: the number of student athletes; the AA’s responsibility to UK; the average stipend offered to student athletes; the number of coaches by sport; the average coach’s salary by sport; the value of UK to the sports program; and AA’s opinion on the suggestion that there could be a percentage increase paid by the AA to UK’s general fund relative to the increase in the AA’s income. SC members also suggested that Professor John Thelin be invited for that discussion.

Chappell **moved** the motion again, and Ford **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **failed** with one in favor.

7. [Tabled Motion from October 26, 2009](#)

SC members revisited a motion tabled from the October 26 SC meeting. Chappell **moved** the motion again, Steiner **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **failed** with one in favor.

8. [Motions from Faculty Trustee Yanarella](#)

Yanarella discussed the cliff vesting proposal and noted that efforts by both the Staff Senate and University Senate to delay the Board of Trustees vote had failed. The growing concern is that tough decisions should be worked out together by faculty, staff and administrators, not merely handed down by the administration. Yanarella also referred to the August 4 editorial in the Herald-Leader about the SEC’s multimillion dollar television sports deal with ESPN and CBS. SC members engaged in a discussion

of the University's financial status, as well as the question of whether the SC could play a proactive role in UK's (big picture) financial situation.

Yanarella **moved** that the Senate Council request from Frank Butler or Angie Martin data on the Athletics program's annual contribution to the University General Fund and its annual budget beginning with the inception of this practice and continuing through this year; that the Finance officer offer any more general information about the Athletics program's monetary non-athletic contributions to the University; and that that subsequent to reviewing and interpreting these data, the SC invite Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart to a SC meeting to discuss his views on how and at what level the Athletics program can assist the University in both meeting its primary mission responsibilities and in responding to the current fiscal crisis. Rohr **seconded**. SC members discussed various aspects of the motion. It was ultimately determined that the first part of the motion simply asked for factual information, which was not unreasonable.

There being no further discussion, a **vote** was held on the motion, which **passed** with seven in favor.

9. [Third Bachelor's Degree](#)

SC members discussed the issue. Steiner **moved** to accept the report of the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee and send it to the Senate with a positive recommendation. Swanson **seconded**. There being no additional comments, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with seven in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Dave Randall,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Anderson, Chappell, Ford, Kirk, Rohr, Randall, Steiner, Wood and Yanarella.

Invited guests present: Heidi Anderson, Mary Ferlan, Larry Grabau and Joey Payne.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Monday, December 7, 2009.