

Senate Council
November 16, 2015

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, November 16, 2015 in 103 Main Building. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands unless indicated otherwise.

Senate Council Chair Andrew Hippisley called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

1. Minutes from November 2, 2015 and Announcements

The Chair reported there were a few editorial corrections. There being no additional comments or objections, the minutes from November 2 were **approved** as amended by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair had a few announcements.

- The Chair met with Provost Tim Tracy; during their discussion of the proposed standardized meeting schedule Provost Tracy reported that there have been some concerns raised in the Provost's council of deans regarding the time it takes for students to walk from one class to another. As a result, the Senate may receive a proposal to change the start and end times of classes to give more than 10 minutes for walking between classes.
- President Eli Capilouto met with African-American students on Thursday night to discuss concerns about the campus diversity climate. One outcome of the meeting was a comment from students present at the discussion that there could be more explicit teaching about cultural awareness. The President would like the University Senate (Senate) to take the lead on this issue; the Chair was not yet sure which Senate committee(s) should be involved.

Mullen offered his reflections on the discussion and said that the key points made last week involved a lack of awareness of the views held by others. Mullen said that if UK Core is intended to help globalize students, it was crucial to have courses that offer insight into how to work well with others and respect other points of view. He opined that there were not many courses in UK Core that truly addressed global dynamics, particularly with respect to other cultures. There were some additional comments from SC members and two suggestions for the Chair: the Chair could invite members of the UK Core committee to talk with SC about the current offerings in Global Dynamics; and make this announcement at the Senate meeting to let senators (faculty and students) know this is on SC's radar.

- Trustees Grossman and Wilson met with Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration Eric Monday to discuss campus safety concerns. Most trainings for active shooter situations involve a directive to lock the doors, but the fact that many classroom doors do not have locks was worrisome to many. Grossman suggested a presentation on campus safety for the Senate in the near future. Wilson and Grossman summarized the discussion for SC members and there were a few questions.
- The Chair reminded SC members that at the SC's retreat in June, SC discussed the possibility of having department chairs serve as part of the elected body of the Senate; the Chair would like to carry on with that discussion this year. Most SC members supported the idea of having

department chairs serve in the Senate, as many department chairs are highly talented. He said he would put the issue on a future SC agenda for discussion.

2. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) - Margaret Schroeder, Chair

i. New Graduate Certificate in General Radiological Medical Physics

Guest Margaret Schroeder, chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC), explained the proposal. The Chair noted that the **motion** from SAPC was a recommendation that the Senate approve the establishment of a new Graduate Certificate in General Radiological Medical Physics, in the Department of Radiation Medicine within the College of Medicine. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. Schroeder noted that she received some editorial corrections from Grossman and would forward the revised proposal to Ms. Brothers to post for the Senate meeting. There were a few questions from SC members.

A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

ii. New Graduate Certificate in Next Generation in Teaching & Learning

Schroeder explained the proposal. The Chair said that the **motion** from SAPC was a recommendation that the Senate approve the establishment of a new Graduate Certificate in Next Generation Teaching & Learning, in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction within the College of Education. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There were some questions from SC members. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

iii. Proposed Suspension of Admissions in BS Spanish

Schroeder explained the proposal. The Chair said that the **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation that the Senate approve the suspension of admission into the existing BS Spanish, in the Department of Hispanic Studies within the College of Arts and Sciences. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. Guests Alan Brown (AS/Hispanic Studies, director of graduate studies), Yanira Paz (AS/Hispanic Studies, chair), and Ruth Beattie (AS/Biology, associate dean for advising) helped answer questions from SC members. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

3. Senate Forms

a. New Undergraduate Minor

The Chair explained that there was a new form developed for faculty who want to create a new minor. He thanked Brown for his diligence in identifying a variety of editorial improvements. There were a few questions about how to identify the correct CIP code for a minor and if a minor was ever reported to the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE). Ms. Brothers said she would check with UK's Director of Institutional Effectiveness.

McCormick **moved** to approve the use of the newly revised "New Minor" form and Brown **seconded**. There being no further additional discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

b. Change Undergraduate Minor

SC members had the same concern (CIP code and reporting to CPE). Brown **moved** to approve use of the newly revised "Change Minor" form and McCormick **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. Senate Meeting Roundtable

The Chair said he would like to hear SC members' comments about the November 9 Senate meeting, as the roundtable discussion was postponed from the last meeting due to running out of time. Below are representative comments from SC members about the November Senate meeting. Many of the comments pertained to the new honors college.

- The discussion about the proposed new honors college was helpful at Senate, but it raised a lot of questions in the minds of SC members.
 - How faculty will be involved in the new honors college proposal.
 - The extent to which faculty will be involved.
 - The level of involvement of the current Honors Program faculty of record and their director thus far.
 - How to build an honors community that does not exclude other students or separates honors students from the rest of UK.
 - The physical structure of an honors facility, as well as the administrative structure of the unit and the faculty who will teach in it.
 - How to improve the current Honors Program so it is seen as more than just more work with no added benefits.
 - How to find all the background information necessary to understand the proposal for an honors college, when it finally is available. (Ms. Brothers said that an honors proposal-related web page could be created fairly quickly and easily.)

- The parking survey results about the Thursday football game were useful information and will be used by some to do more specific interpretations of the data. The next time such a thing occurs, the administration should do a better job of consulting with campus, as opposed to just announcing it to campus.

5. Other Business (Time Permitting)

The Chair said that he had an exchange with the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) about the conduct of elections for SC members and for SC officers. The Chair expressed concern that while the *Senate Rules* explicitly say that the chair of the SREC sends announcements about elections, the SREC chair intends to delegate that responsibility to a member of the SREC. The Chair added that while he might be unnecessarily worried, most official actions come from Senate committee chairs; as soon as someone else starts communicating official messages, it can be disconcerting to some. There was lengthy discussion among SC members about the importance of the author and email account of the message being one and the same. Those voicing opinions ranged from ambivalence to strong opinions for and against having someone other than the chair send out a formal communication to senators.

Bailey **moved** that in the future, all elections announcements and nomination solicitations come directly from the chair of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) (the chair's email account), in accordance with the *Senate Rules*. Porter **seconded**. Discussion continued and included comments about other mechanisms to solve the problem, in lieu of a motion from SC. A suggestion was made to remove "in accordance with the *Senate Rules*" and both Bailey and Porter agreed to its removal. A **vote** was taken on the motion that in the future, all elections announcements and nominations come directly from the chair of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (the chair's email account) and the motion **passed** with four in favor, three opposed, and one abstained.

There being no further business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Andrew Hippisley,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Bailey, Biery, Brown, Gower, Grossman, Kraemer, Hippisley, McCormick, Mullen, Porter, Webb, and Wilson.

Invited guests present: Ruth Beattie, Alan Brown, Laurie Henry, Lee Johnson, Yanira Paz, and Margaret Schroeder.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Monday, November 23, 2015.