

Senate Council
November 18, 2013

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, November 18, 2013 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 Lee X. Blonder called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

1. Minutes from November 4, 2013 and Announcements

The Chair explained that the wrong set of minutes was in the handout – approval of the November 4 SC minutes will occur at the next SC meeting.

2. Old Business

a. Proposed Calendar Change - Graduate School Application for August Degree Deadline

The Chair invited guest Jeannine Blackwell, dean of the Graduate School, to explain the revised proposal. A new Graduate School deadline of April 15 for the early August degree list, which goes to the SC and Senate in May, will be established. The existing deadline of June 20 for the late August degree list, which goes to the SC and Senate in September, will remain in place. (The deadline for submitting an application for a May degree will remain the same, February 20.) New language for *Senate Rules 5.4.1.1* was also presented to the SC. There were a few questions from SC members, which were answered to their satisfaction.

Wasilkowski **moved** to approve the minor calendar change which adds a deadline of April 15 (for submission of an application for degree for an early August degree) to the 2013-14 academic year calendar. Anderson **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Brion **moved** to send the proposed changes to *Senate Rules 5.4.1.1* to the University Senate with a positive recommendation. Pienkowski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

In preparation for the next agenda item, all those present introduced themselves.

3. Proposed Changes to Administrative Regulations

Administrative Regulations 5:4 ("Enrollment of Residents and Clinical Fellows")

Guest Susan McDowell, Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education and chair of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in the College of Medicine, explained the proposed changes to *Administrative Regulations 4:5* ("Enrollment of Residents and Clinical Fellows"). She added that it had been years since the language had been updated; until the recent revision exercise, it referred to the chancellor system which was changed about a decade ago.

There was extensive discussion about use of "allowed" in reference to leave requests in Section VI.D., 14 and 15, pertaining to use of vacation leave and holiday leave. Guests Marcy Deaton and Richard Greissman also participated in the conversation. It was ultimately decided that Deaton would reword those two sections (914 and 15) to remove "allowed" but retain the sense that vacation and holiday leaves are influenced by accreditation requirements.

Brion **moved** to send with a positive recommendation the proposed changes to *Administrative Regulations 5:4* ("Enrollment of Residents and Clinical Fellows") to the Senate for endorsement. Anderson **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Administrative Regulations 5:5 ("Grievance Procedure for House Officers")

McDowell continued her explanation of the changes. Wilson opined that the language was confusing in that it does not sufficiently differentiate between a house officer making an accusation and a house officer being the person accused. He also commented that the introduction language did not clearly explain which situations could be grieved by a house officer through stage four and which situations would stop at stage three. There were also concerns about situations involving termination or lack of promotion due to an academic decision of the faculty, which must move through the University Appeals Board.

The Chair suggested that the problem areas be rewritten; if the revisions can return to the SC very soon, both *Administrative Regulations* could possibly be reviewed by the Senate in December.

4. Discussion on Dining Services (Invited Guest: Dining Services Committee Member Professor Lee Meyer)

The Chair explained some background information about the process of determining whether or not to outsource UK's Dining Services. She explained the request for information (RFI) about a year ago, as well as the request for proposals (RFP) and the Dining Services Evaluation Committee. She introduced Guest Lee Meyer (AG/Agricultural Economics), a member of the Dining Services Evaluation Committee. Meyer offered some additional information about the process and answered a wide variety of questions from SC members.

At the end of the discussion, SC members asked the Chair to relay their concerns (particularly worries about outsourcing having a negative effect on the academic programs that interact with Dining Services and concerns that outsourcing may have a short-term reward for the University, and could have a very negative effect on the employment of minority workers) to President Capilouto when she met with him the following day.

The Chair offered a few announcements prior to the next agenda item. She said there was a request for a member of SC to sit on a five-year health management strategic plan committee and that Wilson had volunteered to serve. She asked if anyone else was interested – no one was, so Wilson agreed to serve in that position.

Referring to a look into the University Senate and its processes, the Chair said the President sent her an email with information about a webinar on effective faculty governance to be held in February 2014. SC members discussed the matter briefly and opted to revisit the issue in the near future.

The Chair asked SC members to offer their opinions on the recent Senate meeting, but no one had opinions to share.

The Chair commented that during the Senate meeting she incorrectly reported that Pienkowski's term on the SC would end in December 2013; Pienkowski's term ends in December 2014 – it is Wood whose term is ending in December 2013. However, due to Wood's status as SC vice chair, she will continue to attend SC meetings through May 2014.

Palli offered a very brief report on the response of some members of Student Government Association (SGA) to the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Senate Non-Faculty Membership. Palli apologized for not discussing the report with the full SGA, but the full SGA meeting is after Thanksgiving. He said that some students he spoke to were concerned with the depth of the report from the committee and wondered if the committee fully considered some of the governance changes that would apply to students; there was an initial sense that some responsibilities should be shared among faculty and students. The Chair welcomed a more complete report after the November SGA meeting.

5. Provost Christine Riordan

The Chair welcomed Provost Christine Riordan, who attends the SC meeting after Senate meetings. Provost Riordan talked with SC members about a variety of topics, many of which are listed below. SC members asked a lot of questions about the values-based financial model. Provost Riordan also offered an update on the four ongoing college dean searches (Agriculture, Design, Health Sciences and Nursing).

There being no further business to discuss, Brion **moved** to adjourn and Day **seconded**. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lee X. Blonder,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Anderson, Blonder, Brion, Christ, Day, Debski, Hippisley, McCamy, Palli, Pienkowski, Wasilkowski, Watt, Wilson and Wood.

Guests: Jeannine Blackwell, Marcy Deaton, Richard Greissman, Davy Jones, Susan McDowell, Lee Meyer and Ben Withers.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Wednesday, November 20, 2013.