

Senate Council
November 5, 2007

The Senate Council met at 3 pm on Monday, November 5, 2007 in 103 Main Building. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands unless indicated otherwise.

Chair Kaveh A. Tagavi called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm. He noted that Dembo would be absent.

1. Minutes from October 22 and Announcements

The Chair asked Senate Council (SC) members to object if they had not had enough time to review the minutes. Mrs. Brothers noted that there were some editorial changes marked in "track changes" in the version in the handout. There being no additional changes, the minutes from October 22 were approved as modified.

The Chair referred SC members to an email from Provost Subbaswamy that he forwarded to them recently. He said that the issue would be discussed again later in the meeting when it came time to deliberate on the Senate agenda for November. However, since the USP reform proposal had been withdrawn by the USP Reform Steering Committee (USPRSC), the proposal itself would not be discussed by the Senate. The Chair said that he had invited the Provost to attend the Senate meeting to give an update on USP reform efforts.

Wood commented that the November Senate meeting would be a marvelous opportunity for the USPRSC to explain to faculty the processes by which faculty can offer more input. She said that she had received two emails from faculty who were upset after having been told that any suggestions for USP reform had to take the form of completely rewriting a particular section of the USP reform proposal. The Chair said he was confident that the Provost's presentation would include information about how to offer additional input and added that he would ask all the USPRSC members to attend as well.

Lesnaw suggested that senators be informed about this change in focus. Provost's Liaison Greissman stated that a broadcast email would go out soon about that information. The Chair said that it was possible the email would come jointly from him and the Provost.

Moving to other announcements, the Chair noted that Lesnaw (SC liaison to the Health Care Colleges Council, or HCCC) could not attend the HCCC meeting on November 20 and requested an alternate attend in her place. Randall asked Lesnaw to email him with the meeting details as a reminder, but that he was willing to attend in her place.

The Staff Senate challenged the University Senate to a blood drive challenge during the week of November 12 – 16. He said the Kentucky Blood Center asked to give a very short presentation to senators during the November Senate meeting.

The Office of the Senate Council had requested that the Student Government Association (SGA) name a student to serve on the Reinstatement Committee, due to the departure of the previous student on that committee. The Chair shared that the SGA had offered the name of a student senator.

Lesnaw **moved** to approve Kara Osborne as the student member of the Reinstatement Committee. Harley **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** unanimously.

2. [WKCTC Permanent Grade Waiver](#)

The Chair reminded SC members that last year, the Senate approved a one-year waiver so that students in the cooperative extended campus program in mechanical engineering and chemical engineering could have their grades from Western Kentucky Community and Technical College (WKCTC) factor into their UK GPA. He invited College of Engineering Associate Dean for Commonwealth and International Programs G. T. Lineberry to share more information on the proposal.

Guest Lineberry explained that the cooperative programs had been operating for almost a year under the temporary waiver. He said that the proposal asked that repeat options, quality points, grades and credit for work performed at WKCTC be factored into the UK GPA. If a student subsequently changed programs or transferred to UK's main campus, the repeat options, quality points, grades and credit for work performed would not apply. Lineberry confirmed for the Chair that the brief paragraph on the first page of the proposal, written by the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee, was acceptable as a synopsis.

Lesnaw asked for clarification regarding what would be carried to UK if a student in the cooperative program transferred to the Lexington UK campus. Lineberry replied that if the student left the WKCTC campus, the UK GPA would drop to zero, as it would for any other transfer student. He confirmed for Lesnaw that the current proposal was a continuation of last year's request for a waiver and would allow the cooperative programs to continue allowing WKCTC grades, etc. to factor into the UK GPA.

The Chair noted that he had spoken earlier with Associate Registrar Jacquie Hager, who also was present for the meeting, and that she had reported that such a change was implementable and would have to be done manually.

Finkel asked for clarification regarding the word "accept" in the one-paragraph synopsis. Guest Hager noted that the student's UK transcript did show that the

courses had transferred from WKCTC. Lineberry added that the diploma had no such qualifier.

Lineberry said that the degree requirements for the cooperative program were identical to the degree requirements for the chemical engineering and mechanical engineering programs on UK's main campus. The Chair noted that not all courses that cooperative program students took would count toward a degree requirement, similar to main campus students who might take classes that would not satisfy a degree requirement. Lineberry added that the proposal would not change the current practice of not accepting any of Murray State's grades or quality points in the UK GPA – only credit would continue to be transferred.

In response to a question from Lesnaw, Lineberry said that the proposal was worded in such a way to prevent a situation in which a student might be accepted into the cooperative program but then not take cooperative program courses and then transfer to UK with all the associated credit, quality points, etc. The proposal would not allow a student who was not in the program to transfer any quality points or grades. The intent was to ensure that a student who began the cooperative program would stay in the cooperative program for their WKCTC efforts to be included in the UK GPA.

In response to a question from the Chair, Lineberry said that there were UK faculty members teaching at WKCTC and at Murray State. Hager noted that the cooperative programs were accredited distinctly from the main campus programs`.

Greissman asked about the rationale behind accepting some course work and not other course work. Lineberry said that only the WKCTC grades would be rolled into the UK GPA and be included in repeat options, etc. The Chair noted that prior to the separation of the community colleges from UK, the Paducah Community College (now WKCTC) courses, etc. were accepted into the UK GPA through the cooperative programs, while those grades from Murray State were not included. The proposal sought to continue the distinction between the two schools.

There was additional discussion. The Chair summed up the proposal by saying that students in the cooperative mechanical and chemical engineering programs take courses from UK, WKCTC and Murray State – the proposal will allow the WKCTC grades, etc. to transfer to the UK GPA, but not the Murray State grades, etc. The proposal sought to restore past practice prior to the expiration of the community college memorandum of understanding.

Wood **moved** to send the proposal as modified below to the Senate with a positive recommendation, to be effective immediately:

Propose that the University of Kentucky ~~accept~~ transcript reflect grades, quality points, and repeat options for coursework taken ~~students~~ at West Kentucky Community and Technical College in the approved Extended Campus Cooperative Baccalaureate Programs for students in Mechanical Engineering or Chemical Engineering. If students subsequently transfer to the UK main campus, whether they remain in chemical engineering, mechanical engineering, or change majors, they will be treated as transfer students, in which case, grades, quality points, and repeat options will not be carried forward.

Piascik **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** unanimously with eight in favor.

3. Rule Waiver Request for BA-87

SC members discussed the request by student BA-87. Lesnaw **moved** that the Senate Council consider the request and approve it. Yanarella **seconded** it.

There was additional discussion about the lack of details available to SC members, as well as a question about calendar dates. Randall suggested that the Reinstatement Committee review the request so that it could receive a thorough review. After more discussion, Randall **offered a friendly amendment** that the Reinstatement Committee review the request and have final authority to determine if the waiver should be granted or not. Both Lesnaw and Yanarella **agreed**.

A **vote** was taken on the motion that the Reinstatement Committee review the rule waiver request from BA-87 and be the body with the authority to make a final decision. The motion **passed** unanimously with eight in favor.

4. UK December 2007 Degree List

The Chair introduced UK's December 2007 degree list. In response to Thelin's comment about a student that he thought should be on the list but was not, Hager said that any omissions should be emailed to her. She added that only students who had applied for degrees would be placed on the list – it was not up to anyone other than the student to make that final step.

Hager confirmed for Wood that the UK degree list was now pulled from SAP. She said that the degree card information was still entered by hand either at the level of the Graduate School or the Office of the Registrar. The online application system would be functioning in the near future.

Wood **moved** to send the UK December 2007 degree list to the Senate. Aken **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** unanimously with six in favor.

The Chair noted that when the guests for the next agenda item arrived, it might be best to move to that item and then return later to the Senate agenda. There were no objections.

6. [Tentative Agenda for November 12 Senate Meeting](#)

The Chair asked SC members to change the Senate agenda item “General Education Initiative Discussion” to “USP Reform Update.”

The Chair presented [the two motions regarding Robinson Forest](#), submitted by senators Arnold and Lesnaw. A discussion followed regarding the best way to put the motions in front of the Senate, including determining: the appropriate parliamentary procedures that will be followed to limit discussion to the specific motions; how much time should be dedicated to the Senate discussion on the motions; and how panelists from the October Senate meeting would be involved. Michael arrived during this discussion.

After some wordsmithing, Lesnaw **moved** that the motion as written below¹ would be submitted to the Senate as a possible motion.

~~That t~~The Senate recommends that the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees 1. develop a set of guidelines regarding undeveloped lands owned or obtained by the university that include oversight and decision making policies for the use of these lands. These policies should evaluate the conservation value of the land, specific legal requirements of each property and the research initiatives proposed, with ultimate acknowledgement of the educational, conservation and ecological resources of each property, as it relates to the long-term mission of the University of Kentucky; and

~~2. That the University of Kentucky place a moratorium on the logging of Robinson Forest until the guidelines for use of undeveloped lands owned by the University, proposed in Senator Arnold's motion,~~ are established, and applied to Robinson Forest.

The motion was then **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** unanimously with nine in favor. Due to the arrival of the invited guests, SC members turned to agenda item number five.

The Chair suggested those present introduce themselves for the benefit of invited guests.

5. [New Track: Masters of Public Policy](#)

The Chair invited Martin School faculty members Dwight Denison and Eugenia Toma to explain the proposal. Guest Denison explained that the proposal would

¹ Strikethrough indicates deleted text and underlining denotes new text.

allow students to substitute their doctoral qualifying exam for the final master's exam. There were many students specializing in certain areas of the masters of public policy (MPP) program and then going on to receive a doctorate.

In response to a question from Finkel, Wood explained that according to the rules of the Graduate School, a student could receive the master's degree during the process of earning the PhD automatically, but only in situations where the master's degree and doctoral degree were in the same fields.

Thelein asked about a situation in which a doctoral student might wash out of the program. Denison explained that the student would likely be offered the final masters exam, not the doctoral qualifying exam, to receive a masters degree.

Piascik stated that the proposal included language that required a student to file an application for degree online via the portal at MyUK. She noted that Hager had stated that the online degree application system was not yet functioning. Both Toma and Denison said it was acceptable to remove that language from the proposal. The Chair asked about an effective date, to which Toma replied that something as soon as possible was preferred.

Wood **moved** to send the proposal to allow Martin School doctoral students to earn a masters degree in public policy upon passing the qualifying exam to the Senate with a positive recommendation, to be effective fall 2007. Finkel **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** unanimously with nine in favor.

6. [Tentative Agenda for November 12 Senate Meeting](#) [continued]

Discussion on how to organize discussion on the Robinson Forest motion continued. The Chair made it clear to SC members that he would limit the discussion to senators and would limit input from invited guests to replies to factual-related questions that pertained to the motion.

Aken asked about the Board of Trustees' trip to Robinson Forest. The Chair said that he would welcome input from Yanarella when discussion on the Senate agenda item was finished.

The Chair noted that he would also adhere to the practice outlined in Robert's Rules of Order through which each senator would first be allowed to speak for two minutes before any senator was allowed to speak for the second time.

Discussion then turned to the planned discussion on the next steps for USP Reform.

Michael **moved** to approve the tentative unordered agenda for the November Senate meeting, with the change from "General Education Initiative Discussion" to "USP Reform Update" and the addition of a brief presentation by the Kentucky

Blood Center. Aken **seconded**. Discussion on the Robinson Forest motion continued.

Harley **called the** question. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** unanimously with seven in favor.

A **vote** was then taken on the motion to approve the tentative unordered agenda for the November Senate meeting, with the change from “General Education Initiative Discussion” to “USP Reform Update” and the addition of a brief presentation by the Kentucky Blood Center. The motion **passed** unanimously with eight in favor.

Lesnaw then **moved** to adjourn. Wood **seconded**. The motion **passed** unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kaveh A. Tagavi,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Aken, Finkel, Harley, Lesnaw, Michael, Piascik, Randall Tagavi, Thelin, Wood and Yanarella.

Provost’s Liaison present: Greissman.

Invited guests present: Dwight Denison, Jacquie Hager, G. T. Lineberry and Eugenia Toma.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on November 9, 2007.