

Senate Council  
October 18, 2010

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, October 18, 2010 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 3:07 pm. She opened the meeting by asking SC members to offer what they learned during the past University Senate (Senate) meeting on October 11, and SC members all offered various comments.

1. Minutes and Announcements

The Chair offered a variety of announcements.

- Some faculty contacted the Chair in regards to the President Search Committee and the upcoming Board of Trustees (Board) retreat about the search for a new president. The Chair reported that after speaking with Board Chair Britt E. Brockman, she was under the impression that the timing of retreats for a president search (for the board first, then the search committee) was the typical way things are done. Provost's Liaison Greissman commented that it was also a way to share information with the Board on how a search committee should conduct its business. SC members then engaged in discussion regarding the search for a new president, and how to best solicit and include participation from the faculty at large. Thelin opined that the confidentiality surrounding presidential candidates was misplaced. He noted that a Board member commented that choosing UK's next president was more important than choosing a governor, and conducting a gubernatorial race in secret would not be accepted. If a candidate truly seeks a position, the candidate should be open about it. The Chair said that she could ask about openness in the president search process **[AI]**.

2. Old Business

Action Items: Mrs. Brothers reported completion of three Action Items: number nine ("Send each senator a list of his/her college's senators and associated unit affiliation and email address."); number 14 ("Identify faculty representative for Coordinating Committee on Learning Management Systems/Academic Technologies by August 23."); and number 19 ("Contact Administration to request that the Chair sit on the dais for future new student inductions."). Mrs. Brothers added that she had information regarding number 26 ("Query VP IRPE Connie Ray about number of administrators at UK vs. benchmark institutions."), but needed to organize it before sending it out. The Chair commented that in conversation about the number of administrators with Vice President for Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness Connie Ray, faculty-to-student ratios only include those faculty who are teaching faculty. After a few comments, the Chair suggested that the Committee on Committees consider the issue of assessment, if so charged by the SC.

Old Business: Mrs. Brothers explained that Steiner's request to include his comments in the minutes of September 27, 2010 required a motion to revisit and approve the changes as shown in the handout. Steiner **moved** to amend the previously approved minutes from September 27, 2010 as currently distributed, and Nokes **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

### 3. Identification of Representatives to Various Committees

a. Naming of SC Representatives to Health Care Colleges Council (HCCC), Graduate Council (GC) and Undergraduate Council (UC): After some discussion, Anderson agreed to serve as the rep to the HCCC and Steiner as the rep to the UC. No representative to the GC was identified.

b. Commencement Committee Co-Chair: SC members discussed how to best fill the position, as the vacancy had been announced to senators previously without any nominations. After brief discussion, Mrs. Brothers was asked to contact college associate deans, who have experience with recognition ceremonies, and solicit nominations from them **[AI]**.

c. Social Sciences Area Advisory Committee Nominees and Business and Economics Dean Search Committee Nominees: SC members discussed the names offered after a solicitation was sent to senators, and added a few additional names. They determined the list to be sufficient to forward.

### 4. Deliberation on Vetting of *Governing Regulations VII*

The Chair went over the various teams and their responsibilities. Team Kelly (Kelly, Thelin and Anderson) is responsible for reviewing and reporting on sections A and B of *Governing Regulations VII (GR VII)*. Team Blonder (Blonder, Chappell and Steiner) is responsible for reviewing and reporting on section C of *GR VII*, and Team Grossman (Grossman, Nokes and Randall) is responsible for section D.

Greissman commented that due to the complex and varied nature of *GR VII*, it might be better to have the groups review various themes of the *GR*. He said that a few more significant typos had been found, so he would send out a revised version shortly, with a few pages that described the overall themes, which the teams could also use for guidance. SC members were satisfied with that suggestion.

The Chair suggested that there be a little discussion regarding the Action Items regarding contacting department chairs and center directors for input into the proposed changes. Steiner said that he was not ready to offer a comprehensive report of department chairs from the College of Arts and Sciences, but that he would be able to do so in the very near future **[AI]**. The Chair said she would take the lead on contacting center directors. Steiner strongly suggested that the Markey Center director be contacted. The Chair noted that the Markey Center did not report to a college, which made it a little different. At the suggestion of Greissman, the Chair agreed to contact Vice President for Research Jim Tracy and the dean of the Graduate School, Jeannine Blackwell **[AI]**.

It was determined that since the SC was reviewing a revised draft of the *GR VII*, different than what was posted with the agenda, that the documents associated with the agenda be updated to the day's

version. The Chair confirmed that the SC would continue to investigate themes of the revised *GR VII* in their original teams.

#### 5. Education Abroad Proposal

The Chair invited Associate Provost for International Programs Susan Carvalho to explain the request. While doing so, Guest Carvalho shared some historical information about Education Abroad. Along with Guest Anthony Ogden (director, Education Abroad) and Alla Arnold (financial manager, Education Abroad) Carvalho explained the proposal. Essentially, Education Abroad requested that they receive blanket approval for all future EA course creations, changes and drops, since the courses do not carry any academic credit; EA courses are used for fee calculation purposes only. She and the other guests answered a few questions from SC members. When asked, Carvalho asked that the SC approve the request on behalf of the Senate, because there was an urgent need to use a variety of new EA courses for students during the fall 2010 semester

#### 6. Education Abroad Over Spring Break - Preliminary Discussion

Carvalho and Ogden then explained that the Education Abroad office was looking into another type of study abroad experience in which students sign up for a traditional class that includes a study abroad experience as part of the curriculum. Afterwards, they answered questions from SC members and solicited opinions. SC members agreed that they would be willing to review a proposal with additional information.

The Chair thanked Arnold, Carvalho and Ogden and they departed.

Chappell **moved** that the SC offer blanket approval for using EAP courses across the colleges for zero credit, for the purposes of distributing tuition, effective fall 2010, and on behalf of the University Senate. Steiner **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 7. 2009-2010 Annual Report - Senate's Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee

The Chair invited the chair of the Senate's Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee, Tom Nieman (AG/Landscape Architecture), to offer the report. He did so, and answered a variety of comments from SC members.

#### 8. Gen Ed Update - Planning for Senate Action

Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education Mike Mullen shared an initial version of the report that will go to the Senate in November with SC members. He answered a variety of questions and discussed the report with SC members.

#### 9. Approval of New Course CIS 111

After explanation by Mullen, Chappell **moved** to provisionally approve CIS 111 for spring 2011 with the provision that the course go on a web transmittal during fall 2010 and Nokes **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The SC meeting was adjourned about 5:30.

Respectfully submitted by Hollie I. Swanson,  
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Anderson, Chappell, Kelly, Kirk, Nokes, Swanson, Steiner and Thelin.

Provost's Liaison present: Greissman.

Invited guests present: Alla Arnold, Susan Carvalho, Mike Mullen, and Anthony Ogden.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Friday, October 29, 2010.

#	✓	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, Jensen, Chair	
6.		Develop charge for Senate's Committee on Committees. Include in the charge that it explore need/establishment of committee for "grievances," as well as "graduate student/post-doc education and related issues." (7/14/10; 8/30/10)	SC	
12.	✓	Discuss expansion of EEP with Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs to allow transfer to be used for graduate coursework. (7/14/10)	Chair	8/2010
	✓	Discuss expansion of EEP with Provost Subbaswamy (6 credits per semester). (8/16/10)	Chair	9/2010
		Clarify with Provost Subbaswamy the term "cost-neutral" WRT a pilot for graduate credit EEP transfer to partner/spouse/dependent.	Chair	
13.		Add chair of Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee to COSFL listserv. (7/14/10)	Mrs. Brothers / Chair	
16.		Identify faculty representative for University Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities (UCAPP) by August 23. (8/16/10)	SC	
17.		Create web-based mechanism for faculty to offer input into the President's annual evaluation; evaluation process will occur during April. (8/16/10)	SC Anderson	
18.		Ask Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs to mention during new faculty orientation the requirement that final exam grades be submitted within 72 hour of administering the exam. (8/24/10)	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	
24.		Review Senate meeting attendance policies. (8/30/10)	SC	

25.	Convene Senate committees, charge them, and facilitate identification and election of a chair.	Mrs. Brothers / Chair	
26.	Query VP IRPE Connie Ray about number of administrators at UK vs. benchmark institutions. (9/20/10)	Mrs. Brothers	
27.	Send SC's spring evaluation of President Todd to all Board of Trustees members. Share SC's spring evaluation of President Todd with faculty members. Create numerical ratings for the Board's evaluation in early fall and submit those privately. (9/20/10)	SC	
28.	Invite the Board of Trustees' chair to a SC meeting. (9/27/10)	Chair	
29.	Contact Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs about having a faculty member attend the AAUP workshop in Louisville on October 30. (10/4/10)	Chair	
30.	Suggest new student induction ceremony be announced to all faculty, clearly stating that faculty are welcome & invited to attend the ceremony. (10/4/10)	Chair	
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	
32.	Solicit input from department chairs regarding changes to <i>GR VII</i> . (10/4/10; 10/18/10)	Steiner	
33.	Solicit input from center directors regarding changes to <i>GR VII</i> . (10/4/10)	Chair	
34.	Inquire about openness in the president search process. (10/18/10)	Chair	
35.	Send solicitation for Commencement Cmte Co-Chair to college associate deans. (10/18/10)	Mrs. Brothers	
36.	Contact VPR Tracy and Dean Blackwell RE: Centers WRT <i>GR VII</i> . (10/18/10)	Chair	