

Senate Council  
October 27, 2014

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, October 27, 2014 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 3:03 pm.

1. Minutes from October 20, 2014 and Announcements

The Chair offered a few announcements.

- President Eli Capilouto was enthusiastic about meeting with the SC; times and dates for a possible meeting with him at Maxwell Place have already been emailed to SC members.
- The film, "Ivory Tower" will be shown at 6:30 pm; the Chair encouraged SC members to attend.
- The Chair attended the recent talk by Leonard Sandridge, which was part of UK's "see tomorrow" speaker series. Comments related to faculty participation into infrastructure matters led to the Chair introducing Christ, chair of the Senate's Academic Facilities Committee (SAFC), to UK's new Vice President for Facilities Management, Mary Vosevich.

There were a couple corrections to the SC minutes from October 20, but nothing substantive. McCormick noted a typo; the Chair said that would be corrected. There being **no objections**, the minutes from October 20 were **approved** as amended.

2. Old Business

a. Health Care Colleges Council Chair

The Chair gave SC members background information on the Health Care Colleges Council (HCCC) chair position. He offered a few possible ways to fix the overall problem of identifying a chair for the HCCC and asked SC members to discuss the options or make additional suggestions. There were a number of comments from SC members. When discussion wound down, SC members came to a consensus regarding next steps, but no motion was made. SC requested the Chair meet with Provost Christine Riordan, call her attention to the rationale for having someone at the Provost's level chair the HCCC (as is currently done for the Graduate Council and the Undergraduate Council), offer her some suggestions, and ask her to suggest a plan of action.

b. New Appointment of Senate Parliamentarian for 2014-2015

The Chair explained the need to identify a new parliamentarian for the University Senate (Senate). He added that it will be necessary for the next parliamentarian to also be responsive to emails and attend Senate meetings. After brief discussion, there were no objections to the Chair contacting the faculty member from Libraries who was willing to serve as Senate parliamentarian.

c. University Senate Meeting Roundtable

Because the SC did not get to it at its last meeting, the Chair suggested SC members each give their impression of the October 13 Senate meeting. SC members thought Vice Chair Christ did a great job; there were many positive comments about being efficient and getting through the agenda prior to 5 pm.

3. Request to Waive *Senate Rules 5.2.4.8.1* ("Common Examinations") for CHE 232-001

The Chair clarified that the agenda should have reported that a waiver of *Senate Rules 5.2.4.7* ("Final Examinations") was being sought for CHE 232-001, not a waiver of the Common Examination rule. The Chair invited Grossman to explain his request. Grossman said that he gives his students a final exam that requires a computer – the only room that can accommodate all his students and offer each a computer is in the Nursing Building. That room, however, is not available during the time when the common exam for CHE 232-001 was scheduled. Grossman noted that he had moved the exam time in the past; if a

student(s) cannot make it at the new time, Grossman permits the student to take the exam at the regularly scheduled time, or at another time. Christ **moved** that the SC waive *Senate Rules 5.2.4.7* ("Final Examinations") for CHE 232-001 for fall 2014. There was additional discussion, as well as comments regarding how to streamline Grossman's need to annually request a rule waiver. Grossman **moved** to amend the motion to allow for a waiver for all future years, for as long as it is needed. Debski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken on the amendment and the motion **passed** with one opposed. The Chair called for a **vote** on the main motion which had been amended: that the SC waive *Senate Rules 5.2.4.7* ("Final Examinations") for CHE 232-001 for as long as it is needed into the future. The motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 4. Committee Reports

##### a. Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) - Ernie Bailey, Chair

##### i. Proposed New Department of Toxicology and Cancer Biology

The Chair explained that the proposal came with the endorsement of the Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC). The Chair asked if Guest Ernie Bailey, chair of the SAOSC, was comfortable with a slight edit to the SAOSC's **motion**. The Chair proposed the SC vote on the **motion** that the SC recommend the Senate endorse the change in the name and organizational structure of the Graduate Center for Toxicology to the Department of Toxicology and Cancer Biology. Bailey said he did not see any problem with the edit. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair invited Guest Mary Vore (Medicine/Graduate Center for Toxicology, director) to explain the proposal for SC members. Bailey also commented. There were a number of questions from SC members, but all were answered to their satisfaction.

Debski expressed concern that the proposal did not follow the format of the SAOSC's guidelines, but rather referred a reader to a particular part of the proposal. (Answers were not given, but directions on where to find the answers were given.) Bailey did not object to stricter use of the guidelines in the future.

The Chair noted that a motion was on the floor and that it appeared SC was ready to vote. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken on the motion that the SC recommend the Senate endorse the change in the name and organizational structure of the Graduate Center for Toxicology to the Department of Toxicology and Cancer Biology and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 5. Nonstandard calendars for EDC 610 and EDC 730

Guest Robert Shapiro (ED/Kinesiology and Health Promotion) explained the request for nonstandard calendars for EDC 610 and EDC 730. Both classes would begin July 6 and end July 24, beginning in 2015, and have the same nonstandard calendar for future offerings. Anderson **moved** to approve nonstandard calendars (start date July 6 and end date July 24) for EDC 610 and EDC 730 for 2015 and future offerings. McCormick **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 6. Committee on the University Calendar

The Chair explained that the *Senate Rules*, specifically *SR 2.1.4*, requires the SC or a SC-created ad hoc committee review the calendar at least annually. He noted that the last two SC meetings involved requests for nonstandard calendars, as well as a detailed report from the most recent [2012, now defunct] ad hoc committee on calendars. SC members discussed possible members and a charge. Debski asked that the group also look at the issue of staggering nine-month contracts to facilitate instruction over the summer.

As discussion wound down, the Chair recapped the comments about membership: invite two members from the last ad hoc committee to participate as members (one from AS and one from ED); invite a member of the Senate's Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (SAPPC), which is also reviewing a proposal to standardize meeting patterns, (to be decided); the chair of the Senate's Distance Learning and e-Learning Committee (SDLeLC); a student representative, Oberst; a representative from the International Center familiar with study abroad concerns; and a representative from the Registrar's office as an informational resource. SC agreed to this composition.

Discussion then turned to the charge for the new ad hoc Committee on the University Calendar. After discussion, the SC determined the aspects below should be included.

- Review the report from the 2012 ad hoc Committee on Calendars.
- Liaise with the SAPPC to coordinate that committee's review of standardized meeting patterns and any intersections with issues discussed by the new ad hoc Committee on the University Calendar.
- Present SC with recommendations about the 2012 ad hoc committee's report, including limitations, prioritizations, and implementation plans.
- Create and suggest alternatives, if appropriate, to the recommendations from the 2012 ad hoc committee.

There being no further business to attend to, Christ **moved** to adjourn and Anderson **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Respectfully submitted by Andrew Hippisley,  
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Anderson, Brown, Christ, Debski, Grossman, Hippisley, Ingram, McCormick, Osorio, Porter, and Wilson.

Invited guests present: Davy Jones, Mary Vore Iwamoto, and Robert Shapiro.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Tuesday, October 28, 2014.