

Senate Council
October 4, 2010

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, October 4, 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 3:04 pm. Those present introduced themselves.

1. Minutes from September 27, 2010 and Announcements

Kelly **moved** to approve the minutes from September 27, 2010 and Steiner **seconded**. There being no objection, the motions stood as **approved**. The Chair offered a few announcements.

A faculty member asked that an email about an upcoming American Association of University Professors (AAUP) conference be announced to UK's faculty. The Chair said she would ask Public Relations to send out an email with that information to all faculty. She said that Vice Chair Anderson will attend the meeting as well, and report back to the SC.

Provost Subbaswamy said that if someone was willing to attend, he could fund the trip. The Chair said that she was hosting a symposium that day and could not attend – she asked for volunteers. Hearing none, Provost's Liaison Greissman suggested that perhaps someone from Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs Heidi Anderson to announce that from her office, and attend in place of an SC member. The Chair accepted the suggestion, stating that the person could come and offer a report to the SC **[AI]**.

2. Old Business

a. Action Items: The Chair reported that numbers 14 ("Identify faculty representative for Coordinating Committee on Learning Management Systems/Academic Technologies by August 23." – Debra Anderson) and number 19 ("Contact Administration to request that the Chair sit on the dais for future new student inductions.") were completed. She said that during future new student induction ceremonies, the SC chair will sit on the dais with other dignitaries. The conversation about that issue spurred an email exchange with Vice President for Student Affairs Robert Mock and she asked about him making a presentation to the University Senate (Senate). He was happy to do so and will offer a presentation during either the February or March Senate meeting.

The Chair said that when she inquired about increased faculty participation, her query was warmly received. The Chair said that now she was in the position needing to offer suggestions for faculty participation, and did not have any. She clarified for Grossman that full regalia was used during the induction ceremonies.

Grossman said that an email went out to faculty prior to commencement activities, and such an email prior to induction would also help. Greissman said that it had been around for three years, but may not have been well advertised. Nokes commented that she had never heard of the ceremony. She agreed to suggest that such an email be sent to faculty **[AI]**.

SC members suggested that the past chair of the Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee be invited to present the report. Davy Jones, chair of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC), said that he would like to offer a report to senators regarding the elections

conducted throughout the year – the search for faculty representatives on the President Search Committee, elections for SC members, and the election of a faculty trustee in the spring. Also, the SREC has been assisting some colleges with vetting program changes and reductions, and he wanted the Senate to be aware of those activities, and helping to ensure a smooth vetting process.

The Chair said that a suggestion had been made to offer forums for faculty interested in running for election as faculty trustee. The forums could be offered to talk to candidates about how they could represent faculty on the Board of Trustees. Jones said he did not mind commenting about that in his report; although the *Senate Rules* did not mention forums, there was nothing to prohibit them.

Kelly asked if any feedback had been offered regarding the 2009-2010 annual report from the Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC), in which the SAOSC questioned how to determine priorities, particularly when finances are tight. There was general discussion about the question. After some time, it seemed the simplest response would be to include a feasibility statement from the Provost with proposals, prior to sending the proposals to committee for review. Grossman suggested that Greissman mention the suggestion to the Provost, and the SC could check back with Greissman about the request [AI].

3. Governing Regulations VII

Greissman offered introductory comments regarding the proposed changes to *Governing Regulations VII*, and also shared a flow chart. Jones also offered comments about the proposed changes. There was extensive discussion among SC members about the proposed changes, possible ramifications and consequences, and general suggestions about how best to vet the changes with faculty. Such suggestions included offering forums in which faculty can ask questions and make comments and specifically submitting input from department chairs, either collectively (as the College of Arts and Science can do with its council of chairs) or individually.

The Chair proposed that the SC break into three teams, headed by Blonder, Grossman and Kelly, because of their collective expertise having served on the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee. She said that SC members could then join the teams. There was additional discussion and there were additional suggestion made regarding vetting of the changes. The Chair said that she would lead the effort to solicit input from department chairs [AI]. After additional discussion, she said she would solicit input from center directors, as well [AI].

Grossman suggested that alternatives should be framed to allow faculty to look at differences and be able to prefer one idea over another. For example, something like, “should centers have primary academic appointments?” with narrative information about what the implications are if so, and if not.

Jones reiterated a number of times that from his faculty perspective, the proposed changes did not cause any loss of authority of faculty over educational policy making. Current unaddressed aspects of centers is allowing a certain looseness in structure, which can be improved with benefits from faculty, and the proposed changes offer a net gain and no loss.

4. Proposed Changes to *Senate Rules 1.2.2.1.D* ("Elected Faculty Membership," "Vacancy")

Grossman explained the rationale for changing the language in *Senate Rules 1.2.2.1.D*. Jones added that the changes were vetted and influenced by the SREC. Grossman **moved** that the SC recommend the proposed changes to the University Senate, effective fall 2010. Steiner **seconded**. Guest Ernie Yanarella

offered a few comments regarding the choice for faculty members on the President Search Committee and how that pertained to the change in language pertaining to vacancies.

After brief discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. Spring Commencement

Guest Tony English (HS/Rehabilitation Sciences) formally expressed some concerns regarding the December commencement pilot and how it seems to be impacting spring recognition ceremonies. He opined that this was in conflict with what the Senate discussed when the pilot was approved. It was determined that Graduate School Dean Blackwell now oversees the December and commencement ceremonies, and should be invited to attend a future SC meeting **[AI]**. In response to an invitation from the Chair, English said he would attend that meeting, schedule permitting.

6. KCTCS September 2010 Candidates for Credentials

Grossman **moved** that the elected September 2010 KCTCS list of candidates for credentials be sent to the University Senate for approval, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees, as the recommended degrees to be conferred by the Board and Steiner **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

7. Reinstatement Committee Composition

The Chair explained that there needed to be a subset of the SC identified to serve as the Reinstatement Committee. After brief discussion, it was determined that the Chair, Kirk and Grossman will comprise the Reinstatement Committee.

8. Tentative Senate Agenda for October 11

SC members discussed the last Senate meeting, as well as the upcoming meeting. During a brief discussion, SC members, reordered some of the agenda items, and added an item pertaining to proposed changes to *SR 1.2.2.1.D*.

Grossman **moved** to approve the tentative Senate agenda for October 11, as reordered and changed, and Steiner **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned shortly before 5 pm.

[Action Items are part of the minutes, but placed at the end to maximize use of space.]

Respectfully submitted by Hollie I. Swanson,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Anderson, Blonder, Grossman, Kelly, Kirk, Nokes, Peek, Randall, Swanson and Steiner.

Invited guests present: Marcy Deaton, Tony English, Davy Jones, Catherine Seago, Kaveh Tagavi and Ernie Yanarella.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Friday, October 15, 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 education and related issues." (7/14/10; 8/30/10)	SC	
9.	✓	Send each senator a list of his/her college's senators and associated unit affiliation and email address. (7/14/10)	Mrs. Brothers	10/2010
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	
14.	✓	Identify faculty representative for Coordinating Committee on Learning Management Systems/Academic Technologies by August 23. (8/16/10)	SC	10/2010
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	
19.	✓	Contact Administration to request that the Chair sit on the dais for future new student inductions.	Chair	10/2010
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.		Suggested that new student induction ceremony be announced to all faculty, clearly stating that faculty are welcome and invited to attend the ceremony.	Chair	
31.		Ask the Provost to submit a statement of financial and administrative feasibility for proposals prior to the proposals being sent to committee.	Greissman/SC	
32.		Solicit input from department chairs regarding changes to GR VII.	Chair	
33.		Solicit input from center directors regarding changes to GR VII.	Chair	