

Senate Council
October 5, 2020

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3:00 pm on Monday, October 5, 2020 via video conference. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands unless indicated otherwise.

Senate Council Chair Aaron Cramer (EN) called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:02 pm. The Chair welcomed those present. He informed everyone that the session was being recorded and noted that it was an open meeting. He asked everyone to use the chat box to sign in for attendance and provided guidance on how to participate in the discussion.

1. Minutes from September 11, 2020 and Announcements

The Chair reported that no edits were received for the sets of minutes from September 11. There being **no objections**, the minutes September 11 were **approved** by **unanimous consent**. There were no announcements.

2. Calendar Requests

a. Proposed Date for December Commencement - Ashley Reed, Director of University Events [pending receipt of supporting documentation]

The Chair explained that there was some uncertainty regarding a possible December commencement ceremony and that the request had been withdrawn. There were no objections to moving to the next agenda item.

b. Proposed Nonstandard Course Calendars for PAS Courses for Spring 2021

Collett (HS) explained the proposed changes. Karen Badger (HS), associate dean of academic affairs and undergraduate education, also provided information. There were no questions from SC members. Vincent (BE) **moved** to approve the proposed nonstandard calendars for the presented PAS courses and Andrade **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

3. Proposed Changes to Governing Regulations II ("Governance of the University of Kentucky")

Marcy Deaton, senior associate general counsel, explained the proposed changes. Regarding the revised language on removal of members, there was discussion about whether the language in the *GR* applied to elected trustees, or just appointed trustees. After lengthy discussion, it was determined that the state statute being quoted did not distinguish between appointed and elected trustees. While it was concerning, it would require changing state law and was not something that could be done quickly or easily. Deaton then described the other change, which would require the Board of Trustees to conduct annual self-evaluations.

Andrade **moved** that the SC recommend to the Senate that it endorse the proposed changes to *Governing Regulations II*. Bird-Pollan **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. Continued Concerns Related to Governing Regulations VIII ("University Appointments")

The Chair noted that he had just sent an email to senators with a message from Provost Blackwell, which was confirmation in writing of what the Provost said when he met with SC members and senators from the College of Arts and Sciences. There was some discussion about how the information would be formally shared to senators during the October University Senate meetings and whether the interim dean appointments for Arts and Sciences and for Lewis Honors would move forward.

5. Tentative Senate Agenda for October 12, 2020

Kuhnlein **moved** to approve the proposed tentative agenda for October 12, 2020 and Vincent **seconded**.

Bird-Pollan expressed a concern the annual report for Senate's Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee (SRWAC) had not been presented to SC, nor had the Chair discussed the report with SRWAC's chair. Furthermore, there is a proposal with another Senate committee regarding SRWAC and it is possible it could be ready to move forward in November. If other SRWAC business is discussed in November, it would make sense to wait to hear that committee's report. Bird-Pollan **moved** to amend the tentative Senate agenda by removing agenda item 5b and instead placing it on the November Senate meeting agenda. Andrade **seconded**. There was no further discussion about the proposed amendment to the motion. A **vote** was taken on the motion to amend the tentative Senate agenda and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

A **vote** was taken on the motion to approve the tentative Senate agenda for October 12 and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

6. Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)

There was lengthy discussion regarding how a recent dean was removed from his administrative position. No one suggested that it was done well, but there were also suggestions that to help healing and a rebuilding of trust, it might be best to move forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Aaron Cramer,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Andrade, Bird-Pollan, Blonder, Brion, Cantrell, Charnigo, Collett, Cramer, Hall, Kuhnlein, Sault, Swanson, Vincent, and Wheeler.

Guests present: Karen Badger, Anna Bosch, Marcy Deaton, Bob Grossman, Larry Holloway, and Davy Jones.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Tuesday, October 6, 2020.