

Senate Council  
October 7, 2013

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, October 7, 2013 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 Lee X. Blonder called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

1. Minutes from September 30, 2013 and Announcements

The Chair reported that there were no corrections to the minutes. There being **no objection**, the minutes from September 30, 2013 were **approved** by **unanimous consent**. The Chair said that there were no announcements. She suggested the agenda be rearranged to accommodate invited guests and there were no objections.

3. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) – Greg Wasilkowski, Chair

While the chair of the Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) was out of the country, Roger Brown, a member of the SAOSC, oversaw the review of the proposal and presented it to SC. At the Chair's suggestion, those present introduced themselves.

i. Proposed Transfer of MS in Radiological Medical Physics from the Dept. of Clinical Sciences in the College of Health Sciences, to the Dept. of Radiation Medicine in the College of Medicine

Guest Brown explained the proposal, adding that the SAOSC did not view the proposal as a modification to the program in any way because the curriculum and all other aspects will remain intact. SC members had a variety of questions, all of which were satisfactorily answered. Guests Janelle Molloy (program director) and Health Sciences Dean Sharon Stewart both answered that due in part to the long history of collaboration between the Colleges of Health Sciences and Medicine, as time passed the Department of Radiation Medicine (in the College of Medicine) gradually took on more and more responsibility for the MS in Radiological Medical Physics. As a result, Radiation currently provides the vast majority of the support for the program, in terms of both personnel and physical and financial resources.

Wasilkowski **moved** that the SC endorse the proposed transfer of the MS in Radiological Medical Physics from the Department of Clinical Sciences in the College of Health Sciences, to the Department of Radiation Medicine in the College of Medicine. Pienkowski **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The Chair asked both Dean Stewart and Malloy to attend the University Senate meeting the following Monday, to answer questions when the proposal is reviewed by the Senate.

ii. Proposed Name Change of the Department of Health Services Management (in the College of Public Health) to the Department of Health Management Policy

Wasilkowski explained the proposal; the SAOSC viewed the proposed change as very simple, which would result in the name better reflecting the number of departmental faculty who are involved in health management policy. The Chair noted that Guest Ty Borders, chair of the Department of Health Services Management, was present, but there were no questions.

Wasilkowski **moved** that the SC endorse the proposed name change of the Department of Health Services Management (in the College of Public Health), to the Department of Health Management Policy. Anderson **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

b. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) – Andrew Hippisley, Chair

Hippisley explained the proposal and said that the motion from the SAPC was that the Senate approve the suspension of admission into the BS Spanish, in the Department of Hispanic Studies, in the College of Arts and Sciences. Guest Alan Brown, chair of the Department of Hispanic Studies, answered questions from SC members. There were substantial concerns expressed by some SC members; if the BS Spanish is suspended, students majoring in the sciences (engineering, biology, statistics, nursing, etc.) who wanted a double major or dual degree in Spanish would have to choose the BA Spanish. For students majoring in the sciences, the BA Spanish requires an additional six to twelve credit hours for humanities courses that the BS Spanish does not require.

SC members requested clarification on the following aspects: requirements for dual degrees, as well as for double majors; the number of science majors who go on to earn the BS Spanish; and if a requirement can be added to the BS Spanish such that it must be combined with a second major, due to the BS Spanish requirement of 60 hours of science courses. Brion suggested Brown contact the directors of graduate studies in various science areas who might want their students to have a more global perspective, to complement the science degree.

The Chair asked Butler, Senate parliamentarian, for guidance on how to proceed. Guest Butler said the SC could vote down the motion from the SAPC, vote to return the proposal to the SAPC, or table the proposal. Butler thought a motion to return the proposal to the SAPC best reflected the tone of the SC's discussion. After additional discussion, Debski **moved** to send the proposal to suspend admissions to the BS Spanish back to the SAPC.

Butler added that if the proposal was returned to the SAPC, the SAPC could decide to take no action on the proposal to suspend the BS Spanish and it would not return to the SC; it would remain as is. Wood **seconded** the motion. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. Proposed Change to *Governing Regulations II* (Executive Committee Composition)

The Chair asked Trustee Wilson to explain the proposed changes, which he did. Wilson characterized the change as innocuous – under the changed language, the vice chair of the Board of Trustees (Board) will automatically be a member of the Board's Executive Committee. After brief discussion, Brion **moved** to send the proposed changes to the Senate with a positive recommendation. Student Trustee Palli **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The Chair commented that it would be helpful if both Wilson and Palli attend the Senate meeting to help answer questions about the proposed changes.

5. Tentative Senate Agenda for October 14, 2013

SC members discussed the tentative Senate agenda for October 14 and made a handful of changes. Brion **moved** to approve the tentative Senate agenda for October 14, 2013 as an ordered list, with the understanding that items may be rearranged to accommodate guests' schedules. Wasilkowski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

2. Old Business

a. Discussion on Lunch with Deans and Provost Riordan

SC members talked about possible items for discussion during the lunch with college deans and Provost Christine Riordan.

After a while, Brion **moved** to adjourn and Wasilkowski **seconded**. The meeting was adjourned at 4:34.

Respectfully submitted by Lee X. Blonder,  
Senate Council Chair

SC members in attendance: Anderson, Blonder, Brion, Christ, Day, Debski, Hippisley, McCamy, Palli, Pienkowski, Wasilkowski, Watt, Wilson and Wood.

Invited guests present: Ty Borders, Roger Brown, Janelle Molloy, Sharon Stewart and Ty Borders.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Tuesday, October 8, 2013.