

Senate Council
September 17, 2012

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, September 17, 2012 in 103 Main Building. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands unless indicated otherwise.

Chair Lee X. Blonder called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

1. Minutes from August 27, 2012 and Announcements

The Chair said that no corrections had been received for the August 27 minutes. There being **no objections**, the minutes from August 27, 2012 were **approved by unanimous consent**.

Those present introduced themselves. The Chair invited Michael Adams, chair of the Staff Senate, to share with SC the Staff Senate's plans and goals for the 2012-13 year. Guest Adams spoke for a few minutes and answered a variety of questions from SC members.

The Chair reported on absences for the day's meeting. She then asked SC members to offer their opinions on the September Senate meeting, some of which are listed below.

- President Capilouto does not seem to be attuned to the angst/fear on campus regarding budget cuts.
- It was disturbing to hear that the President did not know that the College of Arts and Sciences let advisors go.
- Reports and presentations should be time limited and objective; such reports should not focus on personal agendas.
- There is a lack of good communication regarding the President's plans for UK.

G. T. Lineberry (Engineering, associate dean) has been appointed the new Associate Provost for Faculty Advancement. The Chair said she will invite him to a SC and University Senate (Senate) meeting so he can share his vision for the position.

As a result of a series of emails between the Chair and Interim Provost Tim Tracy, Provost Tracy will attend the next SC meeting to discuss the activities of the new budget metrics committee.

2. Old Business

a. SC Response to Educational Units' Concerns Regarding Budget Cuts

SC members discussed the upcoming budget forums and determined that two will be sufficient. After discussion about having a member of administration present to answer questions, the Chair opined that since the forums were being sponsored by the SC, it did not make much sense to ask an administrator to attend.

Due to the arrival of invited guests, the Chair suggested that the agenda be reordered to move to the guests' agenda item. There were no objections.

3. Faculty Involvement in UK's Sustainability Efforts - Lee Meyer, Shane Tedder and Courtney Fisk

Guests Lee Meyer (AG/Agricultural Economics), Shane Tedder (Sustainability Coordinator) and Courtney Fisk (Center for Applied Energy Research) shared information about UK's sustainability efforts. There was extensive discussion among guests and SC members.

Coyne suggested that when a presentation is made to the Senate, four specific areas are covered: describe the entity(ies) represented by the guest speakers; make a specific request of the Senate; explain

how the sustainability efforts will be implemented; and describe how the SC and Senate can specifically engage the President and University in general in implementation.

4. Proposed Change to Calendar for Third Year Medical Students

Guests Chipper Griffith (ME/Assistant Dean for Medical Education) and Darryl Jennings (ME/Pathology) explained the proposal. The request is to change the dates in the academic calendar for third-year medical students beginning summer 2013, and affecting both third and fourth year students beginning in summer 2014. The reason for requesting this change was to accommodate deadlines involved in application to residency programs. This results in moving the start date for third and fourth year medical students forward one month, from starting in July to starting in June. SC members asked a variety of questions which were all answered satisfactorily.

Wood **moved** that the minor calendar change presented to the Senate Council as described in the posted agenda be approved by the SC, effective immediately, and reported to the Senate at its next meeting. Wasilkowski **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

2. Old Business

b. Ad Hoc Committee on Senate Ex Officio Members and Their Voting Rights

The Chair asked Wood, who moved the motion to create the ad hoc committee, to develop a charge for the SC to discuss on September 24. Wood agreed.

c. Senate Committee Preferences, Round II

There were two new senators who needed to be placed on Senate committees. They were not included in the first round of committee preferences because the college had not yet completed Senate elections.

Wood **moved** to approve the proposed revised committee compositions for the Senate's Library Committee and the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee. McCormick **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. Discussion on Interactions between Senate's Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee and the Disability Resource Center

The Chair invited Tom Nieman (AG/Landscape Architecture), chair of the Senate's Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee (SRWAC), to explain the issue. Guest Nieman did so at length, explaining that there were differing opinions from SRWAC members and the staff in the Disability Resource Center. The issue primarily revolves around diagnoses of learning disabilities and what latitude the SRWAC has in reviewing appeals from students requesting retroactive withdrawals for reasons of learning disabilities. There was lengthy discussion among SC members and invited guests.

Wood **moved** that the SC recommend to the Senate that an advisory committee on ADA^{*} section 508 compliance be established by the University Senate, with membership to follow standard Senate rules for composition, and a draft charge to be created by the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) with the assistance of Greissman and returned to the SC for approval. Anderson **seconded**. There was additional discussion. SC members agreed that the ombud should be an ex officio member of the advisory committee. There was additional discussion. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with one opposed and one abstaining.

There being no further business to attend to, the Chair asked for SC members' input into the issues she should discuss during her upcoming meetings with the President and Provost.

After discussion, Wood **moved** to adjourn and Debski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:04.

Respectfully submitted by Lee X. Blonder,

* Americans with Disabilities Act

Senate Council Chair

SC members present:

In attendance: Anderson, Blonder, Coyne, Debski, Edwards, McCormick, Swanson, Wilson, Wood and Wright.

Invited guests present: Mike Adams, Courtney Fisk, Chipper Griffith, Darryl Jennings, Davy Jones, Lee Meyer, Tom Nieman and Shane Tedder

Provost's Liaison present: Greissman.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Friday, September 21, 2012.