

Senate Council
September 30, 2019

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, September 30, 2019 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 Jennifer Bird-Pollan called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:00 pm. The Chair welcomed those present.

1. Minutes from September 16, 2019 and Announcements

The Chair reported that no edits had been received for the set of minutes from September 16, 2019. There being **no objections**, the minutes from September 16, 2019 were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair informed SC that Assistant Provost for Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness Annie Weber was unable to attend the meeting and that agenda item five would be discussed with Weber at the next meeting. The Chair requested SC talk about agenda item five at the current meeting in preparation for the next SC meeting when Weber is available.

The Chair asked SC to be flexible with the agenda to accommodate guests' time constraints and there were no objections.

In response to a question from Cross, the Chair identified the SC nominee who agreed to participate as a member on the ad hoc Committee for the Review of the Free Enterprise Institute.

The Chair announced that the SC will receive invitations for a meeting with the President of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE), Aaron Thompson. He will be visiting the University of Kentucky on November 18, 2019 from 8:30-9:30 am in the Gatton Student Center. Invitations will be sent to the Staff Senate Executive Committee, SC, and ex-officios.

The Chair reported about her visits with the Arts and Sciences Council of Chairs and the first Graduate Council Meeting of the fall semester. She added that she encountered confusion about how faculty could make nominations for committees, but she reminded the commenters about the campus wide solicitation that is sent out every year to request nominees.

The Chair reported that the one-page expedited review forms for undergraduate certificates are being submitted and the process is working well.

The Chair sent an email to SC asking for nominees to participate in the upcoming Board of Trustees Retreat. The topic is not confirmed but it is historically about the future of higher education. The Chair consulted with Senior Provost Faculty Fellow Katherine McCormick (ED/Department of Early Childhood, Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling) to identify more nominees to supplement the list from SC. The chair sent forward about 60 names to the Provost's Office.

2. Old Business

a. Revised, Curriculog-Based Methods and Formats for Program Approval Process

The Chair asked for feedback about the curriculum workbook and faculty of record forms that have been distributed to SC. The SC Office has a plan in place to roll out the revised system to campus when it has been approved by SC. The target to require all program approvals to be processed using the new system is that proposals would need to have left the college before November 15, 2019 to be able to use the

current/old forms and processes. The Chair noted that there would be some flexibility about that deadline, although that information would not be widely shared. There was some discussion and praise of the new forms.

Vincent made a **motion** to require the use of program approval forms for proposals leaving the college after November 15, 2019. Cross **seconded**. The Chair added that the expectation is that everyone will use the Senate-provided forms after November 15th and other formats will not be accepted. There was some discussion in favor of this and no objections. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The Chair said that a faculty member had requested the ability to use the new forms and processes before official approval and was allowed to do so. As a result, the first program submitted into Curriculog is expected to reach the SC office soon.

3. Nominations for Participation in Board of Trustees' 2018-19 Evaluation of President Eli Capilouto

The Chair sent an email to SC asking for nominees for participation in the Board of Trustees' (BOT) 2018-19 Evaluation of President Eli Capilouto. Results were distributed to SC for consideration. The response rate from SC members was lower than expected and the Chair suggested sending requests to the full Senate for their input in order to increase the number of people being considered; there were no objections. There was discussion about possible nominees and how many names SC would like to submit for the three open seats for the BOT evaluation. Cross made a **motion** to pause the conversation to accommodate SC guest schedules. Brion **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. Announcement Regarding Upcoming Initiative

Introductions were made around the room.

Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration Eric Monday gave an update about the Smart Campus Initiative and gave background information about Esports. Monday shared potential opportunities that Esports might bring to the university and research that UK has been doing regarding the subject.

There was discussion of potential pros and cons. Associate Chief Information Officer Heath Price and Senior Provost Faculty Fellow Katherine McCormick (ED/Department of Early Childhood, Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling) answered questions and addressed comments from SC.

6. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) – Bill Smith, Chair

i. Proposed Changes to PharmD

The Chair welcomed Bill Smith (EN), Chair of the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC). Smith described the proposal. The Chair solicited questions of fact from SC members and requested that Smith and Guests Penni Black (PH/Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Director of the Professional Program) and Frank Romanelli (PH/ Professor of Pharmacy Practice & Science) respond. When there were no further factual questions, the Chair stated that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation from the SAASC to eliminate the Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT) as a requirement for admission in the Doctor of Pharmacy degree program. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair called for a vote and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

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3. Nominations for Participation in Board of Trustees' 2018-19 Evaluation of President Eli Capilouto

The Chair requested SC resume discussion of nominations for the BOT's 2018-19 Evaluation of President Eli Capilouto. The Chair opened the floor for more nominations from SC. There were none. Cross made a **motion** to cease nominations. Brion **seconded**. Cross suggested that each SC member choose their top three and submit the top five overall to the Provost's office to choose from. The SC agreed and ballots were submitted.

While votes were tallied, SC moved to next agenda item.

5. Pre-planning for the SACSCOC 10 Year Reaffirmation Report: 10.4 ("Academic Governance")

The Chair distributed 10.4 ("Academic Governance") to SC for consideration and encouraged them to think about ways to make Senate's policies more transparent. Brion requested to see the answers that were provided previously to 10.4 ("Academic Governance") questions. This agenda item will be discussed further at the next SC meet with Assistant Provost for Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness, Annie Weber.

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At the request of the Chair, Ms. Brothers indicated that three individuals received five votes, one faculty member received one vote, and three faculty members received three votes. Cross made a **motion** to send forward the top four nominations and hold the three others as backups. Brion **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Bird-Pollan,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Bird-Pollan, Blonder, Brion, Collett, Cramer, Cross, Eastham, Hall, Hamilton, Osterhage, Shaikh, Sault, and Vincent.

Invited guests present: Penni Black, Sheila Brothers, Larry Holloway, Abbie Loynachan, Katherine McCormick, Eric Monday, Heath Price, Frank Romanelli.

Prepared by Stephanie Woolery on Wednesday, October 2, 2019.