

Senate Council
September 4, 2013

The Senate Council met in special session at 8:15 am on Wednesday, September 4, 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 8:19 am and thanked SC members for attending the special meeting.

1. Honorary Degree Nominees

The Chair reminded SC members that at its last meeting, the SC returned to the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees (UJCHD) the three nominees for honorary degrees, and asked that the UJCHD send back two nominees. Because one honoree named last year could not attend May 2013 Commencement, that individual is already scheduled to be honored in December. If the SC had approved three additional nominees for December, there would have only been one honorary degree nominee allowed for the May 2014 commencement. (*Senate Rules 5.4.2.3 C* state that only five honorary degrees can be awarded in any one academic year.)

SC members discussed the two proposed honorary degree recipients sent forward by the UJCHD. Christ **moved** that the Senate Council's elected faculty senators send the UJCHD's recommendation of the first honorary degree candidate (WJ) for an honorary doctorate in Engineering, for submission to the University Senate (with a positive recommendation) and then through the President to the Board of Trustees, as the recommended honorary degree to be conferred by the Board. Watt **seconded**. There being no additional discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

SC members then discussed the remaining candidate. Brion **moved** to send the second candidate to the Senate without a recommendation. After additional discussion, Brion **withdrew** her motion. Discussion continued.

Anderson **moved** that the SC delay the University Senate's discussion on any honorary degree recipient until October. There was brief discussion surrounding the SC's previous action (on August 26, 2013) to put honorary degree recipients on the September meeting agenda for the University Senate (Senate). Anderson **withdrew** her motion.

Christ **moved** that the Senate Council's elected faculty senators forward UJCHD's recommendation of the honorary degree candidate (MN) for an honorary doctorate in Letters, for submission to the University Senate (without a recommendation from the SC) and then through the President to the Board of Trustees, as the recommended honorary degree to be conferred by the Board. Watt **seconded**. There being no additional discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstaining. SC members then discussed the best way to present the two nominees to the Senate.

Watt **moved** to adjourn and Wasilkowski **seconded**. There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 am.

Respectfully submitted by Lee X. Blonder,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Anderson, Blonder, Brion, Christ, Debski, Hippisley, Palli, Wasilkowski, Watt and Wood.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Wednesday, September 11, 2013.