

University Senate
December 9, 2013

The University Senate met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, December 9, 2013 in the Auditorium of W. T. Young Library. 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 University Senate (Senate) meeting to order at 3:02 pm. The Chair reminded senators to:

- Sign in upon arrival;
- Give name and affiliation when speaking;
- Attend meetings;
- Respond to emails and web postings as appropriate;
- Acknowledge and respect others;
- Silence electronic devices; and
- Communicate with constituencies.

1. Minutes from November 11, 2013 and Announcements

The Chair said there were no changes to the minutes. There being no changes or corrections, the minutes from November 11, 2013 were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair reported a variety of announcements, below.

- Senators were encouraged to review the web transmittal of courses and programs posted on the Senate site.
- Proposals involving academic organization and/or structure must be submitted with the forms available on the Senate website. Please let colleagues know those forms are required for the review of such proposals.
- The Senate Council (SC) approved a minor calendar change for 2013 - 2014 for the Graduate School, which adds April 15 as a new deadline for the early August degree list.
- The Annual Stakes Reception will be Tuesday December 17. Senators should have already received an email invitation to the event. Staff and faculty from both senates are invited, along with Board of Trustees members.

2. Officer and Other Reports

a. Chair Report – Lee X. Blonder

The Chair reported that the SC discussed reviewing the content of Teacher Evaluating Forms (TCE). The evaluation forms were approved by the Senate in the mid-1990s and are in need of revision. The SC decided to form an ad hoc committee to review the content of such forms, as well as incorporate a new question about balance between universal content and information that is unit- or college-specific. Please send in nominations for faculty members who would like to serve; faculty with expertise in instrument development and evaluation, etc. are encouraged to volunteer.

b. Trustee report – John Wilson

Trustee John Wilson said there were not a lot of important issues on the agenda for the December Board of Trustees meeting. Over the next six months, however, there will be a lot of issues:

- Approaching end of the biennium, particularly with regards to UK's budget and legislative interactions.
- New financial budget model.
- Development of the new strategic plan.

He solicited questions from senators. Jones asked if there was one specific thing that the faculty trustees could identify as being regularly misunderstood by Board members. Wilson replied that one thing that had surprised him was that most trustees have a great deal of respect for faculty. However, trustees may have difficulty grasping the diversity of UK's campus. Some trustees are surprised by the normal processes of discussion and dissent that faculty are accustomed to, which may be a source of misunderstandings. In response to a question from Murthy, Wilson said that he was happy to go talk to any faculty member or group of faculty. Kennedy asked if Wilson was aware of any efforts to review post-tenure policies. Wilson said he had not. The Chair commented that UK's Regulation Review Committee, which includes the Chair and two former SC chairs, was in the process of working on revisions to those regulations. Provost Christine Riordan will meet with that committee in the next week or so to discuss the revised language; it will be thoroughly vetted before it moves forward. Kennedy asked about the possibility of incremental vetting, as opposed to the Senate seeing final draft language at the end of the revision process. The Chair replied that the revisions would be brought to the SC and then to the Senate.

3. Proposed Changes to Administrative Regulations 5:4 ("Enrollment of Residents and Clinical Fellows")

Guest Susan McDowell (ME/Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Medicine, Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education) explained the proposed changes to senators. There were no questions.

The Chair said that the recommendation from the SC (positive) was that the Senate **move** to endorse the proposed changes to *Administrative Regulations 5:4*. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. Proposed Changes to Administrative Regulations 5:5 ("Grievance Procedures for House Officers")

McDowell explained the proposed changes. The Chair said that the recommendation from the SC (positive) was that the Senate move to endorse the proposed changes to *Administrative Regulations 5:4*. A vote was taken and the motion passed with none opposed.

The Chair said that the recommendation from the SC (positive) was that the Senate **move** to endorse the proposed changes to *Administrative Regulations 5:5*. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. Update on Presentation U (five minutes)

Guests Deanna Sellnow (CI/Communication) and Diane Snow (ME/Anatomy and Neurobiology) gave senators an update on Presentation U. Odom asked if the services of Presentation U were limited to undergraduate students. Sellnow replied affirmatively, adding that it was designed for upper-division undergraduate students. Snow added that they hoped to serve all levels of students at some point, but right now it was designated for juniors and seniors. In response to Jones, Sellnow said that students in

400G- and 500-level courses will be able to utilize Presentation U. There was a brief discussion about the Graduation Communication and Composition Requirement.

6. Update on UK's Hosting of April 2014 National Conference on Undergraduate Research (five minutes)

Guest Snow gave a presentation to senators regarding the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, which will be held at UK in April 2014. In response to a couple of questions from senators, Snow said that the majority of information about NCUR has been posted on the website and given to deans in the hope that they share it with others in the college. Parking Structure Number Five will not be restricted during NCUR, but rather will offer free parking. Sellnow said a couple of other parking lots will be commandeered for use by NCUR attendees – all the information will be available on the NCUR website.

7. UK December 2013 Degree List

The Chair reported that there were no changes to the December 2013 degree list. The **motion** from SC was that the elected faculty senators approve the December 2013 degree list, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees, as the recommended degrees to be conferred by the Board. Because it came from committee, no **second** was necessary. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

8. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Rules and Elections Committee – Davy Jones, Chair

i. Proposed Charge for Senate's Committee on Distance Learning and e-Learning (Change to *Senate Rules 1.4.2.13*)

Jones explained that the SC created and charged an ad hoc committee on best practices for distance learning. The committee worked well and offered helpful information. The SC looked favorably upon its work performance and recommended the Senate make it a standing committee. The SC then asked the new standing committee to develop its own charge.

The Chair explained that the recommendation (positive) from the SC was that the Senate **move** to approve the proposed changes to *SR 1.4.2.13* that incorporate the charge of the University Senate Committee on Distance Learning and eLearning. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

ii. Election Update

Jones said that the process for electing a chair of the SC involved a solicitation of nominees from the elected faculty senators of the Senate. The SC members who were nominated by senators for the position of chair were contacted and the outcome was that Andrew Hippisley (AS/English) was unanimously elected as SC chair beginning June 1, 2014.

In addition to the chair election, the Senate was also involved in an election for three new members on the SC. There was a nomination round, after which Jones spent about a week contacting the elected faculty senators who were nominated to see who was willing to serve if elected. The top six candidates who were willing to serve will be the pool of candidates for the three available slots. Jones reiterated to SC members how important it is to have a high voter turnout for the final election. He said he would send out an email solicitation that directs senators to a voting site when everything was ready.

The last election was for the position of SC vice chair. The members of the SC made nominations and Jones will contact those nominated in the next few days. Those who are interested in serving will be the

candidates in the election the SC will hold on December 16. The vice chair will take office when the new chair does, on June 1, 2014.

There were no questions from senators.

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

i. Proposed new Minor in Photography

Hippisley explained the proposed new Minor in Photography. The recommendation (positive) from SC was that the Senate **move** to approve the establishment of a new Minor in Photography in the School of Art and Visual Studies, within the College of Fine Arts. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed.

There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

ii. Proposed New University Scholars Program - BA/BS Mathematics and MA/MS Mathematics

Hippisley explained the proposed University Scholars Program. The recommendation (positive) from SC was that the Senate **move** to approve the establishment of a new University Scholars Program for a MA/MS in Mathematics, in the Department of Mathematics within the College of Arts and Sciences. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed.

There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

9. Academic Calendars

The Chair said that the recommendation (positive) from SC was that the Senate **move** to approve the following calendars: 2014 - 2015 Calendar; 2016 - 2017 Calendar, Tentative; 2014 - 2015 Dentistry; 2016 - 2017 Dentistry, Tentative; 2014 - 2015 Law; Summer I (four-week) 2015 Law; Summer 2015 Law; 2016 - 2017 Law, Tentative; Summer I (four-week) 2017 Law, Tentative; Summer 2017 Law, Tentative; 2014 - 2015 Medicine; 2016 - 2017 Medicine, Tentative; 2014 - 2015 Pharmacy; 2016 - 2017 Pharmacy, Tentative; 2014 - 2015 Winter Intersession; and 2016 - 2017 Winter Intersession, Tentative. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed.

There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

10. Change Graduate School Calendar - Additional Deadline to Apply for (early) August Degrees

Graduate School Dean Jeannine Blackwell explained the proposed new deadline to senators. While the June 20 date will still remain as the deadline by which a student must file for a graduate degree for the second (late) August degree list. A new deadline of April 15 will be established to accommodate graduate students who need to be on the first (early) August degree list particularly for certification and licensure reasons.

The Chair said that the recommendation (positive) from SC was that the Senate **move** to approve the proposed new deadline and associated changes to *Senate Rules 5.4.1.1*. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed.

There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair reminded senators that the next meeting of the Senate will be on February 10. With no further business to attend to, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 3:57.

Respectfully submitted by Connie Wood,
University Senate Secretary

Invited guests present:

Absences: Adams, Anderson, Andrade, Bailey, E., Ballard, Birdwhistell, Blackwell, D., Brennen, Conners*, de Beer, Deep, Dickson, Dietz, Durham*, Eckman, Evans, Feist-Price, Ferrier, Fox, Galloway, Graf, Gross, Grossman, Hazard*, Jackson, Karan*, Kilgore, Kirschling, Kornbluh, Lowry*, Martin, McCamy, Mehra, Mock, Noonan, O'Hair, D., O'Hair, M. J., Palli, Porter, Prats*, Rabel, Richey, Riordan, Rogers*, Shen*, Smith*, Spradling, Steiner, Tick, Tracy, T., Tracy, J., Van Wie, Voro, Walz, Watkins*, Watt*, Wiseman, Withers, Witt, Wyatt and Yost.

Prepared on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 by Sheila Brothers.

* Denotes an absence explained prior to the meeting.