

University Senate  
March 18, 2019

The University Senate met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, March 18, 2019 in the Athletics Association Auditorium of W. T. Young Library. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via electronic voting devices unless indicated otherwise. Specific voting information can be requested from the Office of the Senate Council.

Senate Council Chair Jennifer Bird-Pollan called the University Senate (Senate) meeting to order at 3:00 pm. She thanked senators for attending. She reviewed the regular reminders to senators, including Senate following Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised), and asked senators to be share Senate's activities with colleagues, and to leave voting clickers prior to leaving.

The Chair called for an attendance vote and although 37 senators registered their attendance, the Chair noted that she had closed the voting too quickly, but in looking at the room it seemed that a quorum was likely present. Parliamentarian Douglas Michael (LA) concurred that a quorum was present and there were no objections.

The Chair explained that the presentation on "Student Wellness Initiative" would occur during the Provost's report. There were no objections.

1. Minutes from February 11, 2019 and Announcements

The Chair reported that no edits to the minutes from February 11 had been received. There being **no objections**, the minutes from February 11, 2109 were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**. The Chair offered a series of announcements to senators.

- The date of the April Senate meeting has changed from April 8 to April 22; it will still be located in the Athletics Association Auditorium of W. T. Young Library.
- The current chair of the Senate's Undergraduate Council (UC) is not available to serve again in that role. The Chair explained that an ideal faculty candidate will have some experience working in one of Senate's busy curricular proposal-related committees/councils. Those interested can contact the Chair.
- Two of the Senate's curricular deadlines for 2019-20 have passed: February 11 was the deadline for receipt from academic council of new degree program proposals; and March 15 was the deadline for receipt from academic council of other proposals that required committee review. The Chair noted that everyone continued to work toward getting proposals reviewed and to the Senate, but there were no guarantees about newly received items being approved and ready for a fall 2019 effective date.
- The Chair explained that there would be similar curricular deadlines for programs to have a fall 2020 effective date. If seeking a fall 2020 effective date, curricular proposals must be reviewed by the appropriate academic council(s) and be received by the SC office by: February 11, 2020 for new degree program proposals; March 15, 2020 for other proposals requiring committee review (new certificates, transfers of a degree, new department, change to credit hours required for graduation, significant program changes, etc.); and April 15, 2020 for courses, all other program changes, and minors.

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- UK Libraries is hosting an “Alternative Textbook Grant Program.” Applications due April 1. The intent is to encourage faculty to consider using free online textbooks (a.k.a. “open educational resources”). The Chair provided relevant contact information.
- The Office of Enrollment Management is seeking volunteers to call admitted students (on March 25 and 26) who have not confirmed their attendance for next year. The intent is for the call to have a congratulatory nature, aimed at sharing why UK is a great place for the student to call home next fall. The Chair provided relevant contact information.

The Chair said that she had one other announcement, which would be given by Brown, R. (AG), chair of the Elections Subcommittee of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC). Brown reminded senators of ongoing activities related to the faculty trustee election. An email announcing the nomination period is scheduled to be sent out at noon the following day. Brown, R. encouraged members to help communicate this information back to constituents. Brown, R. explained that there is a restriction on the use of University listservs to advocate for any particular candidate, although senators were encouraged to encourage their colleagues to *participate* in the election. He reminded those present that a strong voter turnout provided the winning faculty trustee candidate strong evidence of faculty support when serving as a member of the Board of Trustees.

## 2. Officer and Other Reports

### a. Chair

The Chair reminded senators that the *Senate Rules (SRs)* give the SC authority to make minor calendar changes, as long as they are reported to the Senate. On February 25, the SC approved the inclusion of a second commencement day for the 2019-20 calendar, which was mistakenly left off of the calendar.

The SC created an ad hoc committee to review the Institute for Free Enterprise, which was vetted/approved by the Senate on October 10, 2016. Due in part to concerns about a risk of inappropriate curricular influence by the donors, the Senate's motion included a requirement that the Institute be evaluated at the midpoint of funding (September 2019). The Chair clarified that the report would be brought to the Senate.

The SC was asked to change the University calendar by adding periods for open registration for non-degree seeking students, for March 18. Associate Provost for Enrollment Management Christine Harper had explained to SC members that marketing online courses in advance for non-degree-seeking students advance was critical; there was no intent to disadvantage degree-seeking students who wanted to enroll in those same courses. For summer 2019, each college was asked to identify the courses for which there were no enrollment issues. Registration will be held and capped at a certain number for non-degree seeking students and the remaining seats will be held for degree-seeking students. The longer-term intent is to have a more structured process for fall 2019. If enrollment issues are encountered with those courses, more options will be opened for degree-seeking students. The Chair added that the SC ultimately approved a motion to change the calendar, due to the assurance given to SC that degree-seeking students will not be denied seats in courses due to enrollment of non-degree-seeking students. In addition, the SC requested a report in fall 2019 on the effectiveness of that approach.

### b. Provost

Provost David Blackwell expressed his regrets that one of the open forums for the Libraries Dean Search Committee was taking place during the same time as the Senate meeting. He said that the recording of

the open forum would be available in the near future. The Provost encouraged those present to participate in the open forums with the other Library dean candidates as schedules would permit.

He then commented on the progress of curricular-related proposals that were submitted as part of an initiative of *Our Path Forward*. The majority of proposed programs were moving nicely through the Senate's approval process and there were reasonable explanations for those that were not moving forward. The Provost noted that the progress was a reflection of a lot of work by the Senate. On behalf of Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration Eric Monday, as well as on behalf of the entire group of individuals working on the President's *Our Path Forward* teams, Provost Blackwell offered his appreciation for the Senate's willingness to be a partner in helping UK continue to move forward.

Regarding the solicitation of volunteers for Enrollment Management's call night to prospective students, Provost Blackwell said that any voice from a UK colleague would be helpful in helping prospective students decide to commit to UK. He commented on the importance to everyone that UK meet its fall enrollment targets.

Provost Blackwell introduced the topic of the presentation, UK's Student Wellness Initiative. He explained that after UK experienced student deaths, earlier in the semester, members of leadership quickly began reviewing available data to determine how UK's numbers related to mental wellness compared to national statistics. The Provost provided a series of statistics related to mental health wellness at UK and across the nation; while the data indicated that UK was in line with national trends and looked similar to other campuses. Provost Blackwell then turned to Guest Therese Smith (director of the Community of Concern), who thanked senators for the opportunity to present.

Smith described some elements of mental health awareness. She explained in some detail the various resources available to UK's students and provided senators with insight into how mental wellness, particularly that of students, is addressed at UK. When the presentation was complete, both Provost Blackwell and Smith answered questions from senators. Although there appeared to be additional questions, the Chair noted the time and said that the Senate needed to move to its next agenda item. She suggested that senators email questions to Smith and Smith said she would be happy to answer questions. She added that her office was also available to make give presentations and provide training activities to units upon request.

c. Vice Chair

Osterhage (AS) had no report.

d. Parliamentarian

Michael (LA) noted that Senate had already used up a lot of time, so it would be wise to use the remaining time wisely.

e. Trustee

Blonder (ME, faculty trustee) provided senators with an update on the new website for the Board of Trustees (Board) and shared information about the Board's activities at its most recent meeting. Grossman (AS, faculty trustee) gave senators information about the planned new parking facility/spaces at the corner of Winslow and South Limestone. Both Blonder and Grossman answered a variety of questions from senators.

### 3. Committee Reports

#### a. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) – Aaron Cramer, Chair

##### i. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Sport, Fitness, and Recreation Management

Cramer (EN), chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC), explained the proposal. There were no questions of fact. The Chair then said that the motion on the floor was a recommendation that the Senate approve the establishment of a new Graduate Certificate in Sport, Fitness, and Recreation Management, in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion within the College of Education. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 65 in favor and one abstained.

##### ii. [significant change] Proposed Change to MS in Social and Philosophical Studies

Cramer (EN) explained the proposal. There were no questions of fact. The Chair then said that the motion on the floor was a recommendation that the University Senate approve the significant change to the MS in Social and Philosophical Studies, in the Department of Educational Policy Studies and Evaluation within the College of Education. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 65 in favor.

##### iii. [significant change] Proposed Change to BA/BS Information Communication Technology

Cramer (EN) explained the proposal. There were no questions of fact. The Chair then said that the motion on the floor was a recommendation that the Senate approve the significant change to the BA/BS in Information Communication Technology, in the School of Information Science within the College of Communication and Information. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 66 in favor and one opposed.

##### iv. Proposed New BA in Interdisciplinary Disability Studies

Cramer (EN) explained the proposal. There were no questions of fact. The Chair then said that the motion on the floor was a recommendation that the Senate approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees, the establishment of a new BA in Interdisciplinary Disability Studies, in the Department of Early Childhood, Special Education, and Rehabilitation Counseling within the College of Education. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 63 in favor, one opposed, and one abstained.

##### v. Proposed New BSBA in General Business

Cramer (EN) explained the proposal. There were no questions of fact. The Chair then said that the motion on the floor was a recommendation that the University Senate approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees, the establishment of a new BSBA in General Business, in the Gatton College of Business and Economics. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 60 in favor, one opposed, and two abstained.

##### vi. Proposed New BA in Public Policy

Cramer (EN) explained the proposal and described the SAPC's deliberations with respect to concerns raised by the Department of Political Science. There were no questions of fact. The Chair then said that the motion on the floor was a recommendation that the University Senate approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees, the establishment of a new BA in Public Policy, in the Martin School of Public Policy and Administration within the Graduate School. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 58 in favor, four opposed, and three abstained.

b. Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) – Herman Farrell, Chair

i. Proposed Suspension of Admissions (up to five years) of the Graduate Certificate in Public Health Management

Farrell (FA), chair of the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC), explained the proposal. There were no questions of fact. The Chair then said that the motion on the floor was a recommendation that the Senate approve the suspension of admissions for the certificate program. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 65 in favor and none opposed.

ii. Proposed Suspension of Admissions of the BSHE in Nutrition and Food Science

Farrell (FA) explained the proposal. There was one question of fact. The Chair then said that the motion on the floor was a recommendation that the Senate approve the proposal for suspension of admissions into the program. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 62 in favor, two opposed, and two abstained.

iii. Proposed Suspension of Admissions and Closure of Graduate Certificate in German Studies

Farrell (FA) explained the proposal and the SAASC's recommendation to waive the *SR* requirement [for review of program/unit review reports and for an open hearing] for programs that are proposed for closure. The Chair called for questions of fact related to the first motion and there were a few questions. In response to one particular question, the Chair said she would find out if there are any applicable requirements that a faculty of record close a program. When there were no further questions, the Chair said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation to waive *Senate Rule 3.4.2.2.2* (requirements for review of program/unit review reports and for an open hearing) as it relates to the proposed suspension of admissions and closure of the Graduate Certificate in German Studies. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 59 in favor, four opposed, and one abstained.

The Chair said that the next motion pertained to approval of the proposal and called for questions of fact; there was one question. The Chair stated that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the Senate approve the proposal for suspension of admissions and closure of the certificate program. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 61 in favor, two opposed, and two abstained.

iv. Proposed Closure of MS Clinical Sciences

Farrell (FA) explained the proposal and the need, again, to waive *SR 3.4.2.2.2*. There was one question of fact. The Chair then said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the Senate waive *Senate Rule 3.4.2.2.2* (requirements for review of program/unit review reports and for an open hearing) as it relates to the proposed closure of the MS in Clinical Sciences. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 58 in favor, four opposed, and two abstained.

The Chair said that the second motion pertained to the actual closure. There were no questions of fact. The **motion** on the floor was that the Senate approve the proposed closure of the MS in Clinical Sciences. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 60 in favor, one opposed, and one abstained.

v. Proposed Changes to BSN Suspension Policies (Senate Rules 5.3.2.6.C & D, “College of Nursing”) [new numbering: 5.3.3.5.3 & 5.3.3.5.4]

Farrell (FA) explained the proposal. There were many questions of fact. When there were no further questions, the Chair then said that the motion on the floor was a recommendation that the Senate approve the proposal requesting a change to SR 5.3.2.6.C., and D [new numbering: 5.3.3.5.3 & 5.3.3.5.4]. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 59 in favor and four opposed.

vi. Proposed Change to Senate Rules 4.2.8 (“Undergraduate Certificates”) [new numbering: 4.2.8]

Farrell (FA) explained the proposal. There were a lot of questions from senators. There was a lot of confusion regarding the scope of the proposed rule change and the scope of a related, previous rule change [SR 4.2.1.3 (“Non-Degree Students”)] approved in December 2018. Some of the questions that were raised pertained to related areas of the rules that were not currently under discussion. Many of the questions pertained to existing, unclear language within the same section and how the proposed revisions would, or would not, affect the other language in the same paragraph.

The Chair then said that the motion on the floor was a recommendation that the Senate approve the proposal. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was extensive debate. Concerns were expressed about the approval process by which faculties of record for existing certificates could request a change to admit non-degree seeking students. (The Chair described the process as being a program change to change the admissions standard for the undergraduate certificate.) Other concerns were raised, also pertaining to unclear wording, regarding the categories of students who can be admitted to an undergraduate certificate and what admissions standards they must meet. Grossman (AS, faculty trustee) suggested adding a reference within SR 4.2.8 that referred readers to SR 4.2.1.3 [“Non-Degree Seeking Students”], which included admissions requirements for non-degree seeking students.

After additional debate, Giancarlo (AS) expressed concern about a discussion of such magnitude taking place when it was not clear if a quorum was present. The Chair called for senators to register their voting devices via a “dummy” vote on a basic yes/no question, to determine if there was quorum. A total of 48 senators responded; quorum for Senate votes that are not restricted to elected faculty senators is 45. Debate continued. After a few minutes, Firey called for quorum and after a second “dummy” vote, the Chair announced that 42 senators participated, indicating that the meeting had lost its quorum.

The Chair queried senators about adjourning and Bray (LA) moved to adjourn. Farrell (FA) **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion presumably **passed**, as senators expressed their willingness to adjourn via a mass exodus. The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Bird-Pollan,  
Senate Council Chair

Absences: Abdel-Latif; Arnett; Atwood; Beck; Bieber; Birdwhistell; Blackwell; Brady; Brennen; Brown, Robyn; Bruckner; Bucheit\*; Campbell; Capilouto; Cassis; Caudill; Cofield; Collins; Cox; DiPaola; Epps; Feist-Price; Forren\*; Freeman; Frierson; Gent; Griggs; Hamilton; Hampton; Harmon; Harper; Harris; Heileman; Holloway; Huang; Hustedde; Jackson; Kearney; Kelley; Kim; Kirk; Koch; Kornbluh; Lauersdorf;

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\* Denotes an explained absence.

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Lephart; Lovan; Luhan\*; Mardini; Mark; Martin; McCormick; Mitchell; Mudd; Murray; Obute; Quinn; Richey; Roch; Runyon; Scaggs; Shanda\*; Sheather; Stevenson; Urschel\*; Vernon; Vosevich; Ward; Wasilkowski; Webb\* ; Wilcock; Wilson, K.; Wilson, M. \*; Wittkamp; and Zeadally.

Invited guests present: Tricia Coakley; Will Buntin; Paul Childs; Joseph Ferrare; Carl Mattacola; Kristin Maxwell; Shannon Means; Justin Nichols; Jeanmarie Rouhier-Willoughby; Therese Smith; Genia Toma; and Darlene Welsh.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Wednesday, Tuesday, March 19, 2019.