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CHAIR MCCORMICK: This is a reminder that were ready to begin. So welcome to the December meeting of the University Senate. When you're ready to sign in you can get a clicker. Do remember to follow Roberts Rules of Order. We have great support from that due to our parliamentarian and we believe in the room, we know these rules very well.

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As always be civil in your conversation, your remarks, and you almost always are. The citizenship idea is to make sure that you share with your colleges, the people you represent, the business of the Senate as well as to solicit their thoughts as well. I really hope that you'll participate. You know, I feel that that's the primary purpose of us gathering together is to have an academic discourse, a discussion of the issues that are reported today and then more pragmatically make sure you return the clicker.

I think we were missing a couple from last week, but hopefully they've been retrieved, unless you find them under your Christmas tree.

So, the attendance slide, remember that this attendance, the ways in which you vote are part of the (coughing) so it's important that you use your own, what's it called? The real term? It's not a

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MS. VISONA: Electronic voting device.

CHAIR MCCORMICK: Electronic voting device.

All right. So, are you ready for winter break?

Yes? No? I deeply regret that I am being forced to leave campus before I'm ready, even for a moment.

So please respond now. It looks like most of you are here. Some of you don't want to leave and some of you are undecided.

So there are no changes received regarding the minutes from November 13th so unless objections are heard now regarding the minutes from November 13, 2107, they'll stand approved as just reviewed by unanimous consent.

So, just some announcements, we'll try to move through these fairly quickly. Senator Jennifer Bird-Pollan as well as the incoming Senate Council Chair and I met with President Capilouto and his Chief Council regarding the work that a number of you participated in regarding the AR6.2. I see Davy Jones in the back. He worked on that and then there are other senators who worked on that policy. That was, I think, a very productive meeting. We, as you know, an AR really comes to the floor from the President and or his staff meeting or staff and so

were hopefully that that will come and well hopefully be able to vote on some changes or amendments to that Administrative Regulation in the near future.

So the ball has come into your Presidents court and well wait on him. I know that Jennifer has a meeting scheduled with the President and Bill Thro regarding the questionnaire. If you remember there was a discussion about how we might facilitate knowledge or participate in the hiring process in the way that gave UK, as the employer, more opportunity to ask questions of future employees.

I actually participated in a conversation with a search firm just last week about a provost at another institution and the last question they asked me was, Has this person done anything that would embarrass the institution, should we hire them? So, I believe a way to try to get to this information and so again well keep you up to date on how that progresses forward. Do you have something to add?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Congratulations to the

CHAIR MCCORMICK: Absolutely, yeah. Roger is going to announce that more formally.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Oh, okay.

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have asked about advising in the colleges and as you know when the students were moved from the undergraduate unit into the colleges, new resources were provided but the ways in which those have been used is they're different from college to college and the ways in which faculty continue to participate in that process is also college

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So, I'm going to meet with the appropriate stakeholders very soon to determine, kind of, how we might participate jointly in this work because, of course, advising is terribly important and so I know that the Provost and his staff had an interest in making sure that that advising is done, is held more quality and so it's been standardized to some extent, but faculty also want the opportunity to interact and work with their students.

So we might consider advising kind of in a two-pronged so part of it is process, you know, what do you have to do to get it to matriculate through and then kind of more content in which the faculty would be responsible for. So that's kind of where we are with that and that will happen soon. There have been some discussions that are part of the idea

of responding to the Presidents interest in the ways in which the university responds to the changing landscape of higher education.

So I participated in one of those. that there are a number of deans as well as other staff who have participated as well and I'll keep you advised regarding the efforts that I'm privy to. Please expect an announcement within the next couple of days. It may be as late as Monday, regarding the Presidents selection for Provost, but Dean David Blackwell and Dean Donna Arnett, who are members of the Senate, in fact I think they both vote this year, are the two finalists.

The Senate Council has had the opportunity to meet with both of those candidates and we are -- we used that information to craft our endorsement of one of those candidates and well forward that soon and well forward that letter to you as a member of the Senate body, but in the interim I would encourage you to make sure that you provide your own response and add that to the information or the prompt that is part of that URL on part of that website -- the Provost search website.

KAVEH TAGAVI: Catherine?

CHAIR MCCORMICK: Yes.

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SECRETARY BROTHERS: Name please?

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MR. TAGAV: Kaveh Tagavi, Engineering. I participated in drafting of tradition. I just want to say that our Chairs should incriminate on fairness and courage and wisdom. I want to say this task is like herding cats but it actually like herding goats. So, I just want to say that.

that. Well as you know there is an urgency to provide this information to, or at least to use our faculty voice to share our thoughts with the President. The Board of Trustees is meeting now and so we felt there was some urgency and we worked most of yesterday and most of the evening to think about — to gather our thoughts about this issue.

So this is the third time I've shared this with you, but just to make sure that you remember that we need your curriculum ideas and program proposals soon or at least -- especially if you are doing that as a full program review. Yes?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Can you speak closer to the microphone, please?

CHAIR MCCORMICK: Yes, I'm sorry. So the calendar with dates and contact information for resource individuals is available in hard copy at

the back of the room, on that table. Thank you for that prompt and raise your hand again if I move away again too much and you cant hear me.

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SECRETARY BROTHERS: Sorry, just a note, that's a blatant copy and paste error. There are no hard copies in the back of the room. There were, I think, two months ago. So, sorry about that.

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CHAIR MCCORMICK: Awe Sheila. So tomorrow please, if possible, attend this reception. The Board of Trustees really don't know faculty. In fact, I think that many of them expressed to the Provost, as well as the President, their delight in having the opportunity to meet with some of you during their last Board Meeting and so I would encourage you, especially those of you who work in Patterson office to walk up, say hello, introduce yourself. Let them know your discipline. Let them know what is important to you and what your interests are because you know we need their support.

These are going to be difficult times ahead as we think about money and so sometimes if they know who that professor and philosophy is and they know, they have a name and a face their support perhaps

might be more advantageous to us.

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So, again you don't have to spend a lot of time but just please walk up. I don't know yet what the exact times so what would you say? Just like whenever they finish their business. So I would say at least maybe 3:00, 3:30. Monica?

MS. VISONA: For the last reception I had a wonderful time meeting the one Trustee who actually stayed to talk to faculty and staff. It was also really nice to talk to the staff, but my impression was that most of the Trustees didn't have any time to meet with us.

CHAIR MCCORMICK: Yeah? Maybe we were there at different times because what I remembered there were more Trustees than there were us, but as you suggest they may have, maybe if there was no one to talk to they may have left. And the timing is a little goofy. Ill try to — Sheila maybe you and I can — I can send you the note from the meeting to let you know what it looks like and maybe the best optimal time to be at the reception. It's not too late to register or R.S.V.P.

So, as President Provost Tracy has -- Provost Tracy, I gave you an advancement in title -- is leaving at the end of this month and we have enjoyed

great collaboration with Provost Tracy. So we'd like to ask that he walk forward and we have an award to present because I think — because we can't. So in appreciation of your work and collaboration with the Senators and the Senate, I'd like to present this award. Thank you, sir. (APPLAUSE)

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CHAIR MCCORMICK: So that you can read it, this says Provost Tracy, we thank you and with our best wishes the members of the Senate December 11, 2017. Thank you, sir. So, Roger? This is our update on Senate Officer Elections.

MR. BROWN: So, thank you. There's two important elections that just concluded in the If you are an elected faculty University Senate. representative than you've been asked to participate in both of those and I just wanted to provide the results. The first one was to elect a new Senate Council Chair that will replace Katherine starting on June 1, 2018. There were -- if you participated in the nomination process, you nominated eligible candidates and there were three thankfully this year who were willing to serve. Those are Jennifer -these are alphabetical order, Jennifer Bird-Pollan from the college of law, Margaret Schroeder from

Education, and Kaveh Tagavi from Engineering and last Monday the Senate Council held their final election and I'm pleased to announce Jennifer Bird-Pollan, College of Law being the next Senate Council Chair starting on June 1, 2018.

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Next, the second election was for three new members of the University Senate Council. You participated in that online first by nominating and then by participating in a final voting ballot. In the nomination round we identified six willing members of the elected Faculty Senators who were willing to serve on the University Senate Council. I'd like to recognize them for their willingness to serve in this important role.

Again in alphabetical order: Gail Bryant,
Engineering; Abigail Firey, Arts and Sciences; Paul
Kearney, Medicine; Jennifer Osterhage, Arts and
Sciences; Brett Spear, Medicine and Monica Visona,
in college — and we don't want to get to ahead
here, in fine arts. Then among those three in the
final voting ballot, you as the elected Faculty
Senators elected the three new Senate Council
members who will begin starting January 1st. Those
are Gail Bryant, Jennifer Osterhage And Brett

Spears. 1 2. (APPLAUSE) 3 CHAIR MCCORMICK: Gail, Jennifer and Brett 4 if you would, will you just stand so people kind of 5 have a sense of who you are? That may be better. 6 Thanks. Yes, David? 7 David Orren, Toxicology. MR. ORREN: Ι 8 just wanted to also express my appreciation to Roger 9 who behind the scenes did a phenomenal amount of 10 work to run both elections so smoothly. They're 11 much appreciated. 12 (APPLAUSE) 1.3 CHAIR MCCORMICK: Did you have a question? 14 MR. BROWN: I'm sorry there was also an election to identify the Vice Chair who serves in 15 16 the Chairs absence and the election by the 17 University Senate Council last Monday -- this was to 18 replace Ernie Bailey from the College of Ag was for 19 Jennifer Bird-Pollan to serve as the Vice Chair for 20 the Interim period and --2.1 MS. BIRD-POLLAN: Margaret. MR. BROWN: Margaret -- it's not in my 2.2 23 notes -- Margaret Schroeder will serve as the Vice 24 Chair starting June 1st. Thank you. 25 (APPLAUSE)

CHAIR MCCORMICK: And just to refresh, just to remind you the Senate Council meets every week from 3:00 to 5:00 and much work goes into those meetings. I'm blessed. We're so fortunate to have such a great group of people to work with. Truly I appreciate Kaveh sharing that in fact yesterday, they all — we probably started about, I don't know 10:00 maybe and worked until past midnight.

So, you know, we do a lot of work by email but we are very interested in your thoughts and your comments so please don't hesitate to share that with the Senate Council members. I suspect you know all of those people but maybe Senate Council members should stand so that you do see who those people are. Do you mind doing that?

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And some of those, Ernie Bailey, Joan Mazur and Mark Lauersdorf who is in Austria, poor guy, are departing and so as you know that was the necessity for adding. Thank you Roger. Did you have any other comments?

MR. BROWN: No.

CHAIR MCCORMICK: So, just a further update, we are really blessed that or pleased I guess, or are fortunate that the interests of the

Senate often coincide with the interests of many of our students and so when Senator Firey made this motion last week wheels had already begun to turn regarding a fall break and so very soon Ben Childress who is a member of the Senate Council and also the Dean of the SGA will bring to you a proposal on how this might work, when it would happen and hopefully you'll ascertain the feasibility of whether you support this idea.

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student get into mischief so that idea of idle hands
of the devils workshop would be one out here. And
so again the proposal, I think, has drawn support
from the people who it most in-tax on, but you are
the people also of course as a stakeholder represent
who would make a difference and so again that will
come forward very soon. We'll bring it first to the
Senate Council and then we'll bring it to you.
Ernie do you have any comments?

MR. BAILEY: No.

CHAIR MCCORMICK: Al?

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attending the Board of Trustees meeting and doing their work and so we wont hear from them today. So, degree recipients, one of the things that is our responsibility is to forward to the President or to the Board of Trustees and then the Board of Trustees, the students who have met the criteria to receive their degrees. Three students were added to the degree list based on your comments.

We appreciate that and those will be forwarded. So the motion from the Committee is that the elected Faculty Senators approve UKs December 2017 list of candidates for credentials for submission to the President and onto the Board of Trustees. When you see that motion, and you have the opportunity to vote right now. Motion passes. Okay. Margaret Schroeder?

MS. SCHROEDER: Okay. This is our recommendation that the University Senate approve the establishment of a new University Scholars

Program between B.S. in Computer Engineering and M.S in Computer Science within the College of Engineering. This proposal is in response to the demand for students with computing degrees. It's

growing at a rate of more than double the national average. This is a typical University Scholars

Program. The rationale and all the paperwork is there. Is there any questions? Are there any questions?

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CHAIR MCCORMICK: All right. So the motion from the Programs Committee is that the University Senate approve the establishment of the new University Scholars Program between the B.S. Computer Engineering and the M.S. Computer Science within the College of Engineering. Motion again, provide your response. Motion passes.

MS. SCHROEDER: All right. The next is a recommendation that the University Senate approve the suspension of admission into the existing Graduate Certificate in the Pharmaceutical Sciences in the College of Pharmacy. A lot of times graduate certificates are created to pilot and try out new programs and that was the purpose of this one.

There is now a dual-degree in Pharm D MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences that was developed and approved and fulfills the purpose of the initial creation of the Graduate Certificate. There are no students currently enrolled in the program. The Graduate Certificate is no longer needed.

Questions? Yes, sir?

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MR. SWANSON: Mark Swanson, Public

Health. Why is it a suspension instead of dropping
the certificate entirely?

MS. SCHROEDER: That goes into a lot of regulations. It's actually easier to suspend admission into a certificate than it is to delete a certificate. So if you suspend admissions into a certificate, it kind of sort of drops off after five years but it always leaves the option open if you wanted to reopen the certificate. If you delete it than you'd have to start over, brand new creation. Does that answer your question? Any other questions?

CHAIR MCCORMICK: So the motion from the Programs Committee is that the University Senate approve the suspension of admission in to the existing graduate certificate in Pharmaceutical Science in the College of Pharmacy. There's the motion. Motion passes.

MS. SCHROEDER: Our last one for today.

This is a recommendation that the University Senate approve the establishment of a new dual degree program BA/BS in a STEM major Biology, Chemistry,

Geology, Mathematics, Mathematical Economics,

Neuroscience, and Physics and Astronomy within the College of Arts and Sciences and an MBA in the Gatton College of Business and Economics. This is a dual degree program from, they're calling it a STEM MBA Dual Degree path that will add various options to the undergraduate majors.

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There is about 350 students that graduate each year with a STEM major from the College of Arts and Sciences. They're wanting this program to just be another option for students. The dual-degree mirrors the current and approved dual degree program between College of Engineering and the Gatton College of Business and Economics. There is no sharing of curriculum and theres no special admissions into the MBA program. Are there any questions? Yes, ma'am in the back.

MS. FIREY: Abigail Firey, Arts and Sciences.

I was wondering why this program is limited to the

STEM disciplines. The rationale in the proposal was
that not all graduates from A&S go into Health

Sciences or Physicians Graduate School but that
would seem to apply equally to students who are not
in the STEM disciplines.

MS. SCHROEDER: I'll let Anna or Harvey answer that.

MS. ANNA: Harvey pointed to me. Abigail, I think it remains the case that the MBA program is delighted to have applicants from the Humanities and the Social Sciences but they came to us specifically because their program with engineering students has been so successful and they've noticed that there's really a great premium in the job market for MBA graduates to have science backgrounds.

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So they wanted to find an opportunity to be tested particularly in the STEM field. Having said that, I don't know about you but my in-box has been flooded in the last couple of weeks with invitations to an open house for the MBA Program that is open to all students and they will continue to welcome applicants from the Humanities and Social Sciences, but I think Harvey —

MR. HARVEY: I agree Anna. We will be delighted to take any student from Arts and sciences. We're starting with STEM because we see a real demand in the job market for STEM students combined with an MBA who want to create some enrichment programs but I can assure you we would welcome any graduate from campus.

MS. SCHROEDER: Are there any other questions? Thank you.

CHAIR MCCORMICK: So the motion from the

Program Committee is that the University Senate
approve the establishment of a new dual degree
program. The BS and the STEM major so that's
Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Mathematics, Mathematic
Economics, Neuroscience, and Physics and Astronomy
within the College of Arts and Sciences. The
program is housed in the College of Arts and
Sciences as an MBA and the Gatton College of
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The motion stands approved 72, 4, 2 and 1.

Herman Farrell is the Committee Chair for the Senate

Admissions and Academic Standards. We really

appreciate the part that Herman and his committee

are doing.

here and ready for you to vote.

DR. FARRELL: Good afternoon. So the changes are to the PhD in Musicology and Ethnomusicology and it involves changes to the requirements of the terminal MA degree option within the PhD Program. This program, since '09, combines the traditional MA with a PhD, normally granting only the PhD. This is very similar to a proposal that passed by the Senate last month coming out of Sociology. In this one the rationale is basically

for clearing up the wording of the policy as its in the rules. The current wording of the policy is inadequate in two ways.

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One it fails to take into account the graduate school requirements, loan and degrees, include a final oral examination and the second thing is that it fails to take into account the number of possible scenarios that are not anticipated when the PhD program was approved back in 09 So basically what it does is it provides for those four varying scenarios for a candidate for a PhD who then drops down to receive his MA only.

The first scenario is for somebody who has failed the common exam and then goes on to complete a thesis. The second is for a student who has completed the second year review successfully but opts not to take the qualifying examination and then again gets his MA after passing an oral exam. The third is for a student who successfully completes the second year review, but fails the special area qualifying examination and the fourth is one who satisfies all the requirements heading toward the PhD but does not finish the dissertation. So this was unanimously approved by the Committee and it was also unanimously approved by the Senate Council.

CHAIR MCCORMICK: Any questions for Herman? So the motion from the Committee is that the Senate approve the proposed changes to the PhD of Music.

Opposed or abstained? The motion passes. Thank you.

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Okay. Roger is going to present some ideas around syllabus plan. Again this is a nice example of the interception of multiple interests of SGA as well as members Greg Hommal and his staff are also interested in this work and so Roger also is piloting this idea.

MR. BROWN: Okay. This is a motion to endorse a pilot online system to be developed to make unofficial versions of course syllabi voluntarily available to students securely. high-note link blue log-in is part of the advising priority registration period. I mention endorse because this is going to require administrative resources to carry this out and as such we as a Senate body only endorse the administrative proposal although it comes from the Senate Committee. Basically the important piece here is that students want to know more than just what's in the course description that's in the bulletin when they are registering for courses and so this provides a

voluntary mechanism for students to have access to unofficial syllabi.

It can be a syllabi that you've created the previous semester. There's no obligation to put anything there. You have control over as an instructor to post it, to pull it down, to delete it. You have control over all of these things as an instructor, but it provides a way for students to get access to that. I know that when I talked to the technology folks they said they've been interested in this idea for more than fifteen years. I know that students are very interested in this.

So just in anticipation that there may be people that are thinking well why are we going to do this? This sounds like a bad idea. It is voluntary and the other thing is if you look at some of the examples around the country, there are much more stronger armed ways to push this through and I think this represents a fair balance of what the students want and still allows faculty and instructors to control their own intellectual property rights which the Senate Rules inside the ARs specifically protect. Any questions?

MS. BRYANT: When you have multiple people

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SECRETARY BROTHERS: Sorry, name please?

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MS. BRYANT: I'm sorry, Gail Bryant, College of Engineering. If you have multiple people teaching the same class, will there be multiple copies of the syllabi and in that way would students perhaps use them to select the class that most fits their learning style?

MR. BROWN: Yes, I suspect so. (LAUGHTER)

The syllabus will not be specific to the section

number. It will follow essentially the instructor.

So the instructor and the course. So if you have a

department where multiple sections of a single

course are offered by multiple instructors, that

single instructor wont have to post multiple syllabi

for each section that he or she is teaching, but if

there are more than one instructor the students will

see more than one syllabi.

And I'll add and this is part of the compromise in a way, you don't have to, as an instructor, you don't have to post your syllabus but if you look at the mark up here that's proposed right next to that is a very easy link to email the instructor so if you don't post it you ll probably find out from students that are very interested in where it is and what they can get in the way of information ahead of

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MS. BRYANT: If I may follow up. So the student will be searching by the professors name not by the course name?

MR. BROWN: The way that we've got them marked up now is students would go to the regular course registration system. They would identify courses they are interested in taking and there they would see, as you already know, a list of the sections and out from each of those sections wed see the instructors name, the time and date and location for the course and then out from that an option to email the instructor and out from that you can click on a link to the unofficial syllabus.

MS. BRYANT: Thank you.

MR. BROWN: So it's embedded within the course registration system. Yes?

MR. POOL: Chris Pool, A&S. Could you elaborate on the more on the strong armed universities, please.

MR. BROWN: Yes. In Texas their legislature passed a law that says that the syllabi for every course can be no more than three clicks away from the homepage of every university and they have to be open for the public to view. I don't

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They're not looking for something to try to pick between instructors any more than they do now, but they're looking for a way to learn about the course and the course materials because they say theres a lot of times they sign up for something that they don't know what they syllabus was, sounded right on the title and they get into it and they go that really wasn't what I was looking for and now they end up switching courses, dropping a course, trying to add a course, maybe they don't get a chance to add it.

So I don't think there's anything here from the students that's saying were in any way trying to jigger the system. I think they're trying to say how can we do a better job of choosing our courses and so this issue and the fall break are the two that they have brought to me the most vocally and said they are really in support of.

So, I'm please to see you all are considering the fall break. I hate that were off into another topic but while I'm standing here for a moment, but this is one that they are very passionate about and they feel that it would help them better choose their courses for the future and not end up having

to do add/drops and switches nearly as much. So there is a, I think, a very good reason on their part.

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I think they understand it has some logistical challenges for you and that it will, as Rogers elaborated quite well, theres some logistical challenges as far as keeping it reasonably up to date, but they feel it would give them a much greater opportunity to be informed as they took a particular course.

MS. BRYANT: Gail Bryant, College of
Engineering. So what would be the -- this is
voluntarily uploading. What would a professor have
to do to voluntarily upload and to replace old
syllabi?

MR. BROWN: In the mock up that was provided its very simple. The same place that you would go to look at your student enrollments in your course at My UK, there would be a link there for each of your courses and it would just say — it says Upload unofficial syllabus and you can click there and it would give you — there would be language there that reminds us about AR7.6 about intellectual property to remind us all that this is your syllabus and by uploading it you're not

changing the status of your intellectual property by putting it there and then you would upload it. It would also say do you want to switch it out? Do you want to delete it and take it down? You have complete control as an instructor.

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MR. TAGAVI: Kaveh Tagavi, Engineering: I think this is going to create a lot of business for the Ombudsman. In a sense that students are going to look at the syllabus going to have a different exam time, exam room, different grading policy. I hope you make it, in any way that you can, make it very clear that this is not an official syllabus.

My last question is could you make the -- providing all our emails also.

PROVOST TRACY: That's already available. Your email is already available through the University Directory so I don't know. I mean, that's something that you all would have to work out. About the Ombud question, I think — I see where you're coming from there but I think you as the instructor, the minute the Ombud comes to you and says show me the syllabus that was given to a student, then that's clearly the official syllabus. You know I see a lot of stuff come from the Ombud whether were — the student felt there was a lack of

clarity and when you get to it and what the professor provided there was a lot of clarity. Sometimes that gets to be a matter of opinion, right? You know I think that Joe does a really nice job in walking through that and trying to understand and we've had some cases where students had to contact, you know, their contact wasn't available and we've, you know, followed up on that.

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So, I think I see your point but I think that its -- I'd have to see that happen first before I -- Id want to see that it made a difference in the Ombud's workload. I think students are, I try to give them the benefit of the doubt as much as I can. I think many of them want to do the right thing, but I do believe they are wanting to have more information before they enroll in a course so that they feel like they made an informed decision that was more than a title.

CHAIR MCCORMICK: Dr., aren't you asking the students to click that they understand that this is an official syllabi?

MR. BROWN: Yes. So when the students are -- click on, you know, show me the syllabus, it pops up before they are able to look at it and it says I understand that this is an unofficial syllabus and

that the official syllabus will be provided according to SR6.1.1 on the first week of class.

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MS. VISONA: Monica Blackmun Visona, College of Fine Arts. It will be necessary, of course, for us to do our syllabi before the advising starts, correct? So that means that we actually will need to be writing a tentative syllabus as the semester ends.

CHAIR MCCORMICK: Or the night before the first one? Because of the fact that it will be --

MR. BROWN: You as an instructor have complete control so you can leave it blank and you may get emails from students asking where it is. You can post last semesters copy, if you have that. You still may get emails from students saying this is last semester, where's this semester that's coming up, or you could go through the extra steps of trying to put together the draft syllabus that better addresses the plans for the next semester, but as the instructor you have complete control.

CHAIR MCCORMICK: Marilyn?

MS. DUNCAN: Marilyn Duncan, College of

Medicine. I think it is going to be a little bit of
a challenge with new courses as we may not always be
able to do it with new courses because they may

still be deciding among themselves a few days before the course starts, but I think that courses that have been offered several times. I think it's really handy, I think, as for the faculty as well as the students because I think a lot of students do sign up sometimes quite a few credits with the idea that they will eventually drop one once they get a chance to sort of scope it out and that's difficult for me with smaller courses that are electives because I have planned student activities and if students leave or if they come in a week or two late or they may not have participated in the first activity or if I have them sign up for their presentations and articles, you know, I don't know who is on the page because they were there then they weren't there.

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So I think it could be advantageous and, I mean, you could simply put a draft syllabus or may undergo change or something like that.

MR. BROWN: The IT person that I spoke with said it may be possible to watermark all of the syllabi when they are submitted with unofficial across the -- and also another request came in to disable the download feature, I think to further protect the distribution of unauthorized copies.

MS. WARE: Gloria Ware in Arts and Sciences.

It seems that we could just have a dummy where you take out the dates and edit out the old dates from a past syllabus and take out the final exam information and so that the student is using it wisely can see what kind of course load, how many quizzes and exams, what kind of readings are expected. That seems legitimate. Just strip out the specific details.

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CHAIR MCCORMICK: I agree and actually, you know, I don't know that Gail meant this seriously but you know we've been told by students if you do have a particular learning style and Provost Tracy uses multiple choice and Professor Brown uses essay, then the student could choose which of those, you know, they felt they could do the best at. I think that's legitimate and I think —

MS. BRYANT: It was not a joke.

CHAIR MCCORMICK: Well, we also know that sometimes students make those choices based on other factors as well, but we are encouraged by the fact that they want more information and want to be the informed consumer and I think that makes us different. As Marilyn suggests, you know, if you're in this class and you know it doesn't fit, but you

delay in enrolling then, you know, having that seat open and available to someone who knows this is a course that they want to be part of, you know, then that's where it (coughing) available.

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I know that Registrar Taylor came in and Tim is somewhere in the building and one of the things that we also are interested in which is in the report of Provost Tracy is members of the staff is we are really looking at ways in which to make our course descriptions more richer, let's say, because students tell us that you know the course really doesn't match whats in the, what they thought it would be and because those descriptions are so truncated and so small and the number of words that you can use historically we've been very frugal about those because we printed all that information but now that its digital it may be that we can be a little bit richer in the ways in which we communicate of what a course looks like to a student.

MR. BROWN: I'll just add too that, again, you as the instructor have complete control over the document that you call your syllabus in posting.

Nobody is going to be, you know, telling you to take it down because that's not a syllabus. So, if you

want to put a message to your students and address 1 2 the fact that the syllabus either isn't there, you 3 can upload that document. Allison Soult, Arts and Sciences. 4 MS. SOULT: 5 Will there be a way for like the department to 6 upload unofficial syllabi for like courses because 7 we don't typically assign instructors until much 8 closer to the beginning of the semester. 9 MR. BROWN: That's a good question. 10 person said we can arrange for other staff persons 11 to have authorization to upload syllabi at the 12 request of individual instructors who have the 1.3 copyright. 14 MS. SOULT: Well, there are no instructors 15 assigned to the class. I think her question is could 16 PROVOST TRACY: 17 you have a generic syllabus for --18 MS. SOULT: In 105, could you have a syllabi 19 for all one of us? 20 MR. BROWN: Yes, yes. 21 MS. SOULT: Uploaded to all sections even 2.2 though the instructor is not actually assigned? 23 MR. BROWN: Yes, the same process would work 24 yes. 25 CHAIR MCCORMICK: In the back.

MS. WHITAKER: Erica Whitaker, Arts and Sciences. I appreciate what you are saying about all the different places they'll click to acknowledge that it's not official. I believe, in multiplicity of such messages and I'm wondering if it would mark up the word view syllabus and syllabus could be replaced with view unofficial syllabus and unofficial syllabus? And I have the same question that Allison did but also about course coordinators not just staff people in the department.

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MR. BROWN: Yes, the IT -- as long as there's no misunderstanding about the misuse of instructors intellectual property than anyone would be able to have authorization through IT to be able to upload those.

MS. WHITAKER: So there will be some procedure to apply for said authorization, I assume?

MR. BROWN: Yes, that's correct and well, within the limits of character spacing and so forth, well make sure to add unofficial syllabus to the -- inside it.

CHAIR MCCORMICK: Any further comments?

MR. BROWN: I'll just say one more thing that this is final exam week and there are very few students who are also part of the University Senate

so please bare that in mind as you are -- I don't know that any of them were here to speak to the issue so keep that in mind please.

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CHAIR MCCORMICK: One of, before we vote, on a similar issue is that Roger has been your advocate with the Provost Office as well as with the legal office regarding intellectual property. We haven't, you know, yet completely resolved, you know how that works. We know that as we begin to offer more of our curriculum material and our own intellectual resources and efforts online that that problem may in fact be exacerbated by the dissemination of our work and so again were going to continue to work on that and well partner with the Provost Office as well as the Programs Office to see how they might make that clearer to all of us. All right.

So the motion from Rogers Committee is that the Senate endorse a pilot online system to be developed to make unofficial versions of course syllabi voluntarily available to students securely, in other words behind the link blue lo-gin, as part of advising and priority registration. So, Roger, that wont go away, correct?

MR. BROWN: So, it's a pilot in the sense that if it totally bombs, then it will end and we did it.

CHAIR MCCORMICK: All right. Here's your opportunity to vote. You see the motion repeated here. So the motion passes with 71 in favor. So this is our opportunity to think a little bit into the future. We don't address an issue that is important to all of us. We currently don't have a standing committee on diversity. We are interested in getting your feedback and thoughts. So today

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will be discussion only.

We'll vote on this proposal at our next meeting in February. So what we intend to do is we'd like to hear your thoughts. We'll review those today and we'll direct a charge. We have kind of a tentative charge that the permanent committee would have in following responsibilities: The idea is that the charge of the new committee would be to increase the diversity of faculty or excuse me actually of Senators was our first interest in particular representation of underrepresented minorities, to work with administration to disseminate best practice for recruiting and retaining faculty of color, and to address other issues around diversity and inclusion as they apply.

this idea then we move forward to the vote at the 1 2 next meeting and then begin to populate that 3 committee. We've already met with the Vice 4 President for Diversity, Sonja Feist-Price and she's 5 willing to partner with us. The Associate Provost 6 for Faculty Development, G.T. Lineberry is also 7 willing to partner with us as with think about sex, 8 I'm sure that Annie will be willing to work with us 9 and so were just interested today in your thoughts 10 about whether you think this is a reasonable first 11 step in establishing a standing committee on 12 diversity and inclusion. Herman? 13 MR. FARRELL: Yes. 14 CHAIR MCCORMICK: All right. 15 MR. FARRELL: I do think it's a good idea. 16 (LAUGHTER) 17 CHAIR MCCORMICK: I was getting a little 18 anxious there. MR. FARRELL: Herman Farrell, College of Fine 19 20 Arts. Yeah, no I do think it's a good idea, but 2.1 this section that's in charge of development

23 across the campus and so I'm all in favor of this
24 committee.
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expanding or making faculty of color here as well

MS. BRYANT: What is -- what result do we want from this committee? We're talking about the charge. I mean, I'm just trying to figure out would they be reviewing new proposals? I'm not quite sure I understand the charge.

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CHAIR MCCORMICK: So that is a good question.

So what we would envision is that we would share with among all entities, search committees or the Vice Prov — The Vice President best practice. We, you know, support the work of her office in thinking through how we could increase the number of faculty, students, staff of underrepresented minorities and so again we won't, you know, we're not going to influence the hiring or the search but we can at least make available information from some, how other people have done it.

So, you know, the committee might benchmark. They might provide other ways. It might be that we actually suggest to the administration that we need to increase the signing bonus issue or, you know, make sure that the search committees have access to ACCU so that they can access those databases. It might be that we would encourage faculty when they attend their own professional conferences that they act as our — so it's really wide open.

MS. BRYANT: Gail Bryant, College of
Engineering. One of the things that I don't know if
this committee would serve is as an equity review
board. I know that I'm not quite sure how that
process runs right now but I know that other
universities have equity review committees and I
have known several faculty that basically you know
the raises they got for several years were based on
the equity review committee that made sure that
faculty were being equally rewarded for their
activities and that would be something that I would
think would be an important charge for this
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CHAIR MCCORMICK: Thank you. Monica?

MS. VISONA: Monica Blackmun Visona, College of Fine Arts. I would, unfortunately have not read the document but I believe that retention, promotion policies could be very important to this. Looking at the faculty that has been hired recently and the faculty that has been retained, I think it's really the latter that's been a great problem at our university and I think that would include things like looking at family need policies or looking at forms of faculty support.

CHAIR MCCORMICK: During the town halls when

??? was here there were a number of women who suggested that as they were in positions in Associate or Chair positions or elected positions where, you know, they felt that their advancement was somewhat stalled because they were being used as (coughing) so, you know, I think we could look at it in multiple ways in terms of how to keep and reward faculty. So are you for it? Against it? All right. Any other discussion?

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MS. BIRD-POLLAN: Jennifer Bird-Pollan,

College of Law. The only thing (coughing) about in

terms of this in terms of the makeup of this

committee because that, in my experience, many of

our colleagues who come from undergraduates have

minority backgrounds tend to do a lot of service and

tend to be asked to participate in many different

ways and I would worry that such a committee would

be populated primarily by people who have many other

service obligations as well so I think as were

considering the makeup of this committee we ought to

just consider that.

CHAIR MCCORMICK: Thank you. Okay. Well, we'll take these thoughts back to the Senate Council and well have that review in February. So this is—we are at 4:00 and we've got no other business so

this is your opportunity to share thoughts,
comments, ideas, to raise issues that are not on the
agenda. Yes, Abigail?
UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: In the event --

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SECRETARY BROTHERS: Name please?

MS. FIREY: Oh, Abigail Firey, Arts and Sciences. In the event that Congress passes the tax legislation that includes the tax on graduate tuition waivers, may we expect a response from the university before Senate next meets or implementation of a plan to alleviate the situation for our graduate students?

CHAIR MCCORMICK: Provost Tracy, do you know the response to this? All right. So as you know we'll have a new Provost when that occurs. Should that occur next week in December, I will check on that. I know that the, our liaison is actively working. I know that the President and members of his staff met with our legislative representatives this week so I think it's a critical issue.

Actually Jennifer spoke on KET Monday night. Right? Around this issue and how it would impact the university and those students and so do you have any update that you would like to share?

MS. BIRD-POLLAN: Sure. Jennifer Bird-Pollan,

College of Law. So, I've been following all of this stuff pretty closely and I think at this point the likelihood that the graduate tuition waivers will be included in gross income is pretty low although it is important to note that if the legislation passes the plan would be to make it effective January 1, 2018 which means that if it does pass it affects our students starting in January.

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So they are acutely aware of that and I haven't heard anything from the administration about a potential response, but I do think -- I mean, it wasn't part of the Senate proposed bill and enough Republicans -- well, I don't know much about -- many Republicans in the House have also spoken against it in recent weeks so I think many people believe it will not be part of the --

CHAIR MCCORMICK: Thank you. That's my understanding as well. You know, what I would pledge to do is I'll try to find out, you know, what the contingency plans are and I'll communicate that to the Senate members if I can find out any further information. Will that work? Yes.

MR. REISLING: Terry Reisling, Resident: The question is similar, it is about the proposed House newly passed. I think they proposed 1.4% taxation

on the University endowments. Are we at risk for that? I think it is really dependent on a certain amount of money that the universities may have.

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CHAIR MCCORMICK: Would the Provost permit me to respond to that?

PROVOST TRACY: I'm thinking that's set at a billion dollars last I saw which would be us. a little over a billion. It depends on how that I mean, it could come out that it is whats over a billion. It could be a whole mess. You know there's a lot of ways you can slice and dice that, right? You could say that it's everybody over a certain amount and it's the full amount or the amount you're over the amount. There's many different ways. I mean, it's like the graduate student issue. There's a lot of stuff going on. Ι can tell you Eric King, who's our Federal representative is doing a great job of stating our case but you know it's so fluid right now with that whole tax bill that it's kind of hard to predict whats going to happen in the end and what goes and what stays.

I mean, there's a lot of trading that goes on at the end, trading one thing for another. This is very difficult to predict what is going to come out

in that final bit but we are potentially at risk for that but again it depends on where the threshold is put as to whether we are at risk or not because our endowment is a little over, about 1.2, 1.3 billion dollars. So we are in that range. That's, again theres just a lot of moving pieces right now that are very difficult to predict.

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CHAIR MCCORMICK: Was it more intended for privates with large endowments?

PROVOST TRACY: It was, you know, I think that's what they were going after, the people with the 20, 40, 50 billion dollars but they set a pretty low bar because that number with the 40-50 billion is a pretty small number and they have some pretty powerful lobbyists and Senators and Representatives themselves.

So how that bar is determined is going to be very important and you know it could — and again whether it's everybody over that bar gets a tax on the whole amount or everybody over that bar gets a tax on the amount over that amount or how that plays out and then again who knows what's going to be exchanged for what in the end of well, we're willing to live with this part in exchange for not getting this part and its just a very fluid process. But

our, trust me Eric is in Washington speaking with all of our representatives and, you know, we have a Government Affairs Firm who also helps us with our advocacy efforts and so they are on it and the President and many of the leadership and Deans were just there last week advocating as well on behalf of the university.

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CHAIR MCCORMICK: But I pledge to see if I can find and communicate that information. Gail?

MS. BRYANT: Gail Bryant, College of
Engineering. It just appears to me that as news, I
haven't heard the College Presidents come forward
and talk about how universities will respond to this
because it kind of seems like public universities
are losing their non-profit status with endowments
being passed. So I'm just surprised by that.

PROVOST TRACY: I think what you may be hearing is quiet from individual universities but not from the universities collectively. The APLU, the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities, Peter McPherson is the head of that and they are advocating strongly and have had a number of very strong letters because it, you know, theres strength in numbers right? And getting all those folks behind one common thing versus an

individual university here and here and each of us are working with our working with our individual representatives but the APLU has taken some very, very strong stands on this and they are the major lobbying group for public and land grant.

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Then there's the American Council on Education which is the lobbying group for the smaller institutions and many of the privates and so they are taking a similar kind of stand. So you have folks in Washington who are organizations representing all of us taking very strong stands on this and each individual President is working with their government official liaisons and their legislators for their particular states. It's a very strong effort. You just may not see it in the press, but its a very strong effort.

CHAIR MCCORMICK: Joan?

MS. MAZUR: Joan Mazur, College of Ed. He made a point of I just spent Friday and Saturday in Western Kentucky in the winter land and we have a black eye because of our position with our land grant situation and the extension agents and so forth and I think we serve the citizens of Kentucky. I think they need to know -- I -- we have other constituents other than the Washington folks who

1	give us money and I have absolutely no problem with
2	lobbying efforts whatsoever. I'm happy you're doing
3	them, but I think people in rural Kentucky are
4	wondering what's going on with the universities. I
5	really think its a very important point.
6	CHAIR MCCORMICK: Thank you Provost Tracy.
7	You know Provost is typically here with us most of
8	the meeting and we appreciate his time. Thank you.
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10	Well, do I hear a motion to adjourn?
11	UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I'll motion to adjourn.
12	SECRETARY BROTHERS: Name please?
13	MR. KEARNEY: Kearney, Medicine.
14	CHAIR MCCORMICK: There is your motion. If
15	you want to vote to leave. Thanks again.
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