

# University Senate

Monday, November 14, 2022

The University Senate (Senate) met in regular session at 3:00 PM on Monday, November 14, 2022, in 311 Gatton College of Business and Economics and via Zoom. Below is a record of what transpired.

SC Chair DeShana Collett (HS) called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. The Chair asked Senate members attending in-person to sign in using the sign-in sheet in the back of the room. The Chair asked all Senate members to be ready to vote using Poll Everywhere and provided detailed instructions

The Chair welcomed Senate members. The Chair reminded Senate members that Senate meetings were subject to KRS 61.826 (“Open Meetings laws”) and informed senators that the session was being recorded for note-taking purposes. The Chair informed Senate members that the Senate follows Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised and asked that senators be civil and good citizens. The Chair asked Senate members to report back to those who elected them. The Chair noted that voting by proxy was prohibited.

The Chair reminded Senate members that individuals would be called upon at the Chair’s discretion and that Senate members were given first priority for speaking. The Chair reminded Senate members to keep their constituents informed by reporting back to those who elected them, noting the availability of Senate-provided listservs for each college.

The Chair asked Senate members to state their name and affiliation prior to speaking and speak loudly and clearly. The Chair provided technical guidance to Senate members regarding Zoom, noting that the chat was disabled. The Chair asked those participating via Zoom keep their camera on as much as possible with mics off unless speaking and use a quality headset with mic button. The Chair provided guidance for using the table microphones for those attending in-person.

The Chair provided guidance to Senate members for participating, or “seeking the privilege of the floor.” The Chair noted that Senate members must seek permission from the Chair to speak and described the reasons why a senator would request to speak: the distinction between point of order, motioning, question of facts and debate, and calling the question.

## 1. Announcements

The Chair announced that the elections for SC members concluded last week and introduced the newly elected members whose three-year terms would begin on January 1, 2023: Molly Blasing (AS), Douglas Michael (LA), and Elizabeth Salt (NU). The Chair also informed Senate members that the terms for SC members Richard Charnigo (PbH), Susan Cantrell (ED), and Leslie Vincent (BE) would end in December. The Chair noted that Vincent would remain on SC and Senate as a nonvoting member for the duration of her term as SC Vice Chair through the end of May 2023. The Chair thanked the Senate Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) Elections Subcommittee for their work in this and every other election. Senators expressed their support via a round of applause.

The Chair informed Senate members of an ongoing issue regarding approved retroactive withdrawal appeals (RWA) and associated processes. The Chair explained that students who were granted an RWA were automatically part of a tuition appeal process, but that a recent policy change from the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships (OSFAS) could cause students with an approved RWA to be asked to return state or institutional funding. The Chair explained that according to OSFAS, a student may elect to participate in a process called a “scholarship appeal,” but noted that it was currently unclear what the appeal process was and how it was initiated. The Chair noted that she and the Senate Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee (SRWAC) Chair Amy Spriggs were concerned about students who may have been impacted by the policy change

in Fall 2021 and Spring 2022. The Chair added that Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Christine Harper and Vice President for Student Success Kirsten Turner are in the process of developing an appeals process and affected students will also meet with those administrators for individual-specific advising.

The Chair informed Senate members that the SC office had recently been made aware that the Registrar's office staff regularly felt obligated to respond to requests from units to turn course prerequisites on and off throughout the semester. The Chair noted this practice raised concerns among staff in both offices, but that it was difficult to stop a practice used regularly by some faculty. The Chair explained that after some internal discussions, the SC office and Registrar's office will work together to let units know that changes to course prerequisites must be made using the appropriate Senate course approval process.

## 2. Consent Agenda

The Chair explained that items on the consent agenda are considered adopted unless a member asks to remove an item, for discussion later in the meeting. Senate members can ask to remove an item well before the meeting, or at the time the consent agenda would be adopted.

### a. Minutes from October 10, 2022

The Chair noted that clerical edits were received to the minutes from October 10, 2022.

### b. Proposed Suspension of MSEDU Educational Policy Studies

### c. Proposed Suspension of EdD Educational Policy Studies Measurement and Evaluation

### d. Proposed Suspension and Closure of Graduate Certificate in Bioactive Interface and Devices

### e. Proposed Suspension and Closure of Graduate Certificate in Informatics

### f. Proposed Suspension and Closure of BSHE Merchandising, Apparel, and Textiles

### g. Proposed Suspension and Closure of MENG Engineering

### h. Activity Reports from Academic Councils and Committees

The Chair asked if there were any requests to remove items from the consent agenda and there were none. There being **no objections**, the consent agenda for November 14 was **adopted**.

## 3. Officer Reports

### a. Chair

The Chair provided a report to Senate members. The Chair reminded Senate members that the *Senate Rules (SR)* gave SC and the SC Chair the authority to take some actions on behalf of Senate as long as they were reported at the next Senate meeting. The Chair reported that on November 7, 2022, the SC approved changes to the College of Dentistry (DMD) 2022-23 calendar.

The Chair reminded Senate members that the Senate approved three new standing committees at the September 2022 Senate meeting: the Senate Faculty Affairs Committee (SFAC), the Senate Calendar Committee (SCC), and the Senate Nominating Committee (SNC). The Chair noted that reports had been received from the SCC and SNC. The Chair informed Senate members that the SNC provided nominees for SC to review for a dean's summative process and that the SCC was working with the SC office on forms for nonstandard calendar requests.

The Chair informed Senate members that the SC approved use of a new grade assignment form for "I" grade extensions.

The Chair announced that on October 24, 2022, the SC heard a report from Associate Vice President for Philanthropy and Senior Philanthropic Advisor Tom Barker. The Chair explained that Barker gave an overview of the processes within the Office of Philanthropy related to major gifts and other donors. The Chair expressed her appreciation for Barker's attendance and responsiveness to questions from SC members. The Chair noted that detailed notes of the meeting with the Senate Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC), which reviews changes to names of academic units, were posted with that SC meeting agenda.

b. Vice Chair

SC Vice Chair Leslie Vincent (BE) did not have a report today.

c. Parliamentarian

Parliamentarian Gregg Rentfrow (AG) did not have a report today.

d. Trustees

Faculty Trustees Hollie Swanson (ME) and Aaron Cramer (EN) provided a report to Senate members regarding Board of Trustees activities that had occurred since the last Senate meeting. Swanson asked Senate members if there were any comments and there were none.

#### 4. Old Business

a. Update on CIP Changes 2021-22 – Director of Planning and Accreditation RaeAnne Pearson

The Chair invited Director of Planning of Accreditation RaeAnne Pearson to provide an update to CIP code changes for the 2021-22 academic year. After Pearson's report, the Chair asked if there were any questions and there were none.

#### 5. Committee Reports

a. Senate Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) – Gregg Hall, Chair

i. *Proposed Name Change of Department of Finance and Quantitative Methods to the John Stewart Department of Finance and Quantitative Methods*

Hall (GS) described the proposed name change of the Department of Finance and Quantitative Methods to the John Stewart Department of Finance and Quantitative Methods.

The Chair stated that the **motion** from committee was for the Senate to endorse the proposed name change of the Department of Finance and Quantitative Methods to the John Stewart Department of Finance and Quantitative Methods. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair asked if there was any debate or questions and there was one question. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with one opposed and three abstained.

b. Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) – Leslie Vincent, Chair

i. *Proposed Change to BS Digital Media Design*

Vincent (BE) described the proposed change to the BS Digital Media Design. The Chair asked if there were any questions. Richard Charnigo (PbH) noted a clerical error on the slide. The Chair stated the **motion** from committee was for the Senate to approve the proposed change to the BS Digital Media Design. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair asked if there was any debate and there was none. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

## 6. Proposed Changes to *Senate Rules 1.4.2.17 (“Senate Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee”)* and *Senate Rules 1.4.2.18 (“Senate Academic Advising Committee”)*

The Chair explained the proposed changes to *Senate Rules 1.4.2.17 (“Senate Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee”)* and *Senate Rules 1.4.2.18 (“Senate Academic Advising Committee”)*. The Chair asked if there were any questions and there were none.

Leslie Vincent (BE) **moved** that the Senate approve the proposed changes to *Senate Rules 1.4.2.17 (“Senate Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee”)* and *Senate Rules 1.4.2.18 (“Senate Academic Advising Committee”)*. Allison Soult (AS) **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was any discussion and there was none. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

## 5. Committee Reports

### a. Senate Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee (SRWAC) – Amy Spriggs, Chair

#### i. *2021-22 Annual Report*

The Chair invited Senate Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee (SRWAC) Chair Amy Spriggs to provide a report to Senate members. The Chair noted that the presentation slide for the agenda item for the 2021-22 SRWAC report to Senate was omitted in error.

Spriggs provided a report to Senate members regarding SRWAC activities from the 2021-22 academic year and answered questions from Senate members. The Chair thanked Spriggs and the SRWAC for their hard work.

## 7. Fall 2022 Enrollment Update – Vice President for Student Success J. Kirsten Turner

The Chair invited Vice President for Student Success Kirsten Turner to provide an update to Senate members about Fall 2022 enrollment. Turner presented information to Senate members about Fall 2022 enrollment other enrollment data. There were a variety of questions from Senate members, responded to by Turner or a member of her staff. The Chair thanked Turner for her report to Senate.

## 8. Items from the Floor

The Chair asked if there were any items from the floor and there were none. The Chair informed Senate members the next Senate meeting would be held on Monday, December 12, 2022 at 3:00 PM with hybrid modality.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM with **no objections**.

Respectfully submitted by,  
University Senate Secretary Leslie Vincent

Prepared by Katie Silver on Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Absences: Angie Martin, Caleb Frush, Caroline Slicer, Carrigan Wasilchenko, Charles Griffith, Christian Brady, Colleen Swartz, Craig Collins, Eli Capilouto, Eric Blalock, Gina Dugas, Heather Bush, Jack Reynolds, Jeffrey Okeson, Jenna Knight, Jennifer Hunt\*, Jennifer White\*, Johanna Hoch\*, Justin Miller, Katrice Albert, Kaveh Tagavi\*, Kenneth Calvert, Kenneth Campbell, Lisa Cassis, Mark Birdwhistell, Mark O'Bryan, Mary Davis\*, Mary Vosevich, Michelle Sizemore, Mohammad Awad, Nancy Cox, Ned Crankshaw, Nolan Pringnitz, Olivia Ellis, Patrick Haycraft, Promise Kayembe, Richard Ingram, Robert Coleman\*, Robert DiPaola\*, Robert Grossman\*, Rodney Guy, Scott Yost, Stefan Bird-Pollan\*, Taylor Williams, Thomas Seigler

*\*denotes absence explained*