University Senate

Monday, December 12, 2022

The University Senate (Senate) met in regular session at 3:00 PM on Monday, December 12, 2022, in 311 Gatton College of Business and Economics and via Zoom. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken electronically otherwise specified. Specific voting information can be requested from the Office of the Senate Council (SC).

Senate Council 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 explained 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 election for Senate Council (SC) Vice Chair was conducted last week and informed Senate members that Sandra Bastin (AG) would begin her term as SC Vice Chair on June 1, 2023. The Chair expressed her appreciation for everyone that was willing to be nominated and serve. The Chair also expressed her appreciation for Senate Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) Chair Roger Brown (AG) for attending the SC meeting and running the election. The Chair reminded Senate members that the current SC Vice Chair Leslie Vincent (BE) would continue to serve until the end of her term on May 31, 2023. The Chair informed Senate members that she was reelected, with her second term to end May 30, 2024.

The Chair informed Senate members that Undergraduate Council (UC) Chair Kristine Urschel had asked members to track time spent on UC activities over a span of two weeks. The Chair explained that Urschel computed the time allocations to provide a better understanding of how the academic council works, to determine if more members were needed, and if distribution of effort (DOE) time allocations were sufficient. The Chair reported that the amount of DOE time allocated differed wildly from time spent on UC activities. The Chair noted that she would discuss with Urschel how to use the results.

The Chair announced that she had requested a follow-up for retroactive withdrawal appeals (RWA) issues discovered in October related to scholarship appeals. The Chair noted that no specific information had been received yet, but that she had an upcoming meeting in January to meet with the Office of Student Success.

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 November 14, 2022
The Chair noted that clerical edits were received to the minutes from November 14, 2022.

b. Proposed New USP between BS Computer Science and MS Data Science
c. Proposed New USP between BS Biomedical Engineering and MS Biomedical Engineering
d. Proposed New USP between BS Biomedical Engineering and PhD Biomedical Engineering
e. Proposed New USP between BS Aerospace Engineering and MS Aerospace Engineering
f. Proposed New USP between BS Aerospace Engineering and PhD Aerospace Engineering
g. Proposed New USP between BS Mechanical Engineering and MS Aerospace Engineering
h. Proposed New USP between BS Mechanical Engineering and PhD Aerospace Engineering
i. Activity Reports from Academic Councils and Committees
j. Minutes from 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 December 12 was **adopted.**

3. Officer Reports

a. Chair
The Chair reminded Senate members that the *Senate Rules (SRs)* give SC and the Chair the authority to take some actions on behalf of Senate as long as they are reported to the Senate at its next meeting.

The Chair reported that the SC approved nonstandard calendars for courses in the Physician's Assistant Studies program (PAS 660, 661, 662, 663, 665, 669, 670, 671, and 680). The Chair explained that the following *SR* waivers were granted in relation to the PAS nonstandard calendars:

- Reading Days and Prep Week (*SR 5.2.5.6)*
- University holidays for the Friday after Thanksgiving (*SR 2.1.3)*
- Academic holidays for Fall Break, Spring Break, the Wednesday immediately before Thanksgiving and the Saturday immediately following Thanksgiving

The Chair explained these waivers for the nonstandard calendar for courses in the PAS program were approved through June 2024.

The Chair announced that the SC also approved a rule waiver on behalf of Senate for *SR 2.1.2.3 ("Summer Session")* and *SR 2.1.2.3 ("Summary")*. The Chair explained the Registrar's office had traditionally scheduled summer session to begin about a week after commencement, and that the *SRs* currently required summer to begin the Tuesday following commencement. The Chair noted the waiver meant classes would start on the second Monday following commencement, May 15, 2023 instead of May 9, 2023. The Chair explained

the SC approved the waiver, with the understanding that the Registrar would propose a permanent rule change.

The Chair informed Senate members that the SC voted to form an ad hoc committee to review Teacher Course Evaluations (TCEs). The Chair explained that although University administration had authority over the teacher evaluation aspect of a TCE, the Senate oversaw the piece related to course evaluations. The Chair noted that the SC voted on a draft charge and composition, with a number of Senate committee chairs and others to be involved in the committee.

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

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

d. Trustees
The Chair explained that Faculty Trustees Aaron Cramer (EN) and Hollie Swanson (ME) were currently in attendance at a Board of Trustees committee meeting.

4. Degree Recipients
The Chair reminded Senate members that per Kentucky state law and the *SRs,* only senators who were elected by college faculty members were eligible to vote on degree lists.

a. December 2022 In Memoriam Degree List
The Chair explained the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation from SC that the Senate approve the December 2022 In Memoriam degree list, for submission to the President to the Board of Trustees. Because the motion came from SC, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate. There were no questions of fact or debate.

A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed or abstained.

b. December 2022 Degree List
The Chair explained the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation from SC that the Senate approve the December 2022 degree list, for submission to the President to the Board of Trustees. Because the motion came from SC, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate. There were no questions of fact or debate.

A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed or abstained.

c. Honorary Degree Recipient(s)
The Chair commented that senators should have received the email from Sheila Brothers (SC Office) that included the PowerPoint presentation for the proposed honorary degree recipient. The Chair noted that in the past, honorary degree information was not disclosed until the Senate meeting but explained that SC wanted senators to have sufficient time to review the nominee. The Chair explained that this information was provided confidentially in advance of the Senate meeting but reminded senators that the information about nominees was embargoed until announced by the University.

The Chair invited Acting Associate Provost of Graduate and Professional Education and Acting Dean of the Graduate School Martha Peterson to present the honorary degree recipient nominee to senators. Peterson presented information about the honorary degree process and the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees (UKCHD) and provided Senate members information about the honorary degree recipient nominee.

The Chair explained the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation from SC that the Senate approve WLP as the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. Because the motion came from SC, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate. There were no questions of fact or debate.

A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with one opposed and one abstained.

d. Late Addition to May 2022 Degree List (per Senate Rules 5.5.1.1.4 ("Late Addition to Degree List"))

i. *College of Engineering Student WB-95*

The Chair explained the late addition was an administrative error and that the request from the dean's office indicated that when reviewing records for graduation, it was noticed that the student in question was a double major but had enough hours for a dual degree. The student was contacted and the confirmed they wanted two degrees, but the dean's office neglected to file the necessary paperwork. The Chair explained the error was noticed during the May 2022 degree conferral process.

The Chair stated the **motion** on the floor was for elected faculty senators amend the May 2022 degree list by adding the BSMEE Mechanical Engineering for student WB-95 and recommend through the President to the Board of Trustees that the degree be awarded effective May 2022. Because the motion came from SC, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate. There were no questions of fact or debate.

A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed or abstained.

5. Proposed Change to Senate Rules 6.5.2.2 ("Composition of the University Appeals Board," "The Student Membership")

The Chair explained the proposed change to *SR 6.5.2.2 ("Composition of the University Appeals Board," "The Student Membership").* The Chair stated the **motion** from SC was for Senate to approve the proposed change to *SR 6.5.2.2* to be consistent with *Governing Regulations (GR) XI.E.2.* Because the motion came from SC, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate. There were no questions of fact or debate.

A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with four opposed and four abstained.

6. Committee Reports

a. Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) - Leslie Vincent, Chair

i. *Proposed Change to BPH Public Health*

Vincent explained the proposed change to BPH Public Health. The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation from the committee for the Senate to approve the proposed changes to the BPH Public Health. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** is required. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact and debate. There were no questions of fact or debate.

A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

ii. *Proposed Change to BA/BS Communication*

Vincent explained the proposed change to the BA/BS Communication. The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation from the committee for the Senate to approve the proposed change to the BA/BS Communication. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** is required. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact and debate. There were no questions of fact or debate.

A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with four opposed and four abstained.

b. Senate Committee on Distance and e-Learning (SCDLeL) - Sara Police, Chair

  i. *Proposed Online Delivery of Graduate Certificate in School Social Work*

  Police explained the proposed online delivery of the Graduate Certificate in School Social Work. The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation from the committee for the Senate to approve online delivery of the Graduate Certificate in School Social Work. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** is required. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact and debate.

  Kaveh Tagavi (EN) asked a question about whether the proposal was intended to separate the two certificates and if the other certificate in Kentucky would become an online certificate. Police clarified that this proposal did not relate to the state certification.

  A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

c. Senate Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) - Sandra Bastin, Chair

  i. *Proposed New Badge Credential*

  Bastin explained the proposed new badge credential. Bastin indicated that the SAPC recommended additional Senate review beyond the college. The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation from the committee for the Senate to approve the proposed credential and associated *SR* language. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact and debate.

  Senate member and co-chair of the QEP Development Committee Susan Cantrell (ED) expressed her appreciation to the faculty and Senate members that had been supportive of the badge program, noting that the QEP Development Committee was very interested in using badges as an activity in the QEP. Provost DiPaola expressed appreciation to the Senate, SC, and SAPC. A robust discussion took place among Senate members. Senate members discussed topics such as the difference between credit-bearing badges and non-credit bearing badges, the technical components of the badge program, and commonality of similar programs among benchmarks. SC Vice Chair Leslie Vincent (BE) clarified that the badge program will be considered a program that requires a plan for assessment. The Chair also clarified that non-credit bearing badges were already being offered and that the intention of the proposal was to involve Senate oversight.

  A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with eight opposed and twelve abstained.

7. Proposed Changes to Senate Rules 1.3 ("Councils of the Senate") and SR 1.4.1 ("Structure of University Senate Committees") and SR 3.1.3 ("Procedures for Processing Academic Programs and Changes")

The Chair explained the proposed changes to *SR 1.3 ("Councils of the Senate")* and *SR 1.4.1 ("Structure of University Senate Committees")* and SR 3.1.3 *("Procedures for Processing Academic Programs and Changes")*. The Chair stated the **motion** from SC was for Senate to approve the proposed changes to *SR 1.3 ("Councils of the Senate")* and *SR 1.4.1 ("Structure of University Senate Committees")* and SR 3.1.3 *("Procedures for Processing Academic Programs and Changes")*. Because the motion came from SC, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate. There were no questions of fact or debate.

A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed and three abstained.

The Chair thanked Sheila Brothers (SC office) and the Senate Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) for their work on the proposed changes.

8. Senate Meeting Modality

The Chair expressed her appreciation for those who participated in the Senate meeting modality survey. The Chair explained that out of the 93 responses, 82 participants chose a hybrid modality as their first choice. The Chair noted that SC was comfortable moving ahead with hybrid meetings for Senate and commented that hybrid meetings would continue while in-person attendance continued to justify an in-person modality.

9. Items from the Floor

The Chair welcomed items from the floor.

Davy Jones (ME, emeritus faculty) commented that there were various University regulations and different offices on campus responsible for addressing different situations concerning student actions such as violations of Code of Conduct or sexual harassment. Jones expressed concern that the decentralized nature of such reporting may not indicate to a faculty member if a student had accumulated multiple determinations of such transgression. Jones asked the Chair if she could find out if there was a mechanism that existed to alleviate those concerns. Senate members discussed the item brought up by Jones. The Chair stated she would meet with Provost DiPaola to discuss the processes and procedures involved when a faculty member is concerned about a student's behavior, including the following:

- How the Code oversees conflicts between students or between a student and a graduate assistant.
- How and when patterns of behavior displayed by students or faculty become highlighted for those interacting with them to be aware of
- If violations of the Code are notated on a transcript.

The Chair reminded Senate members that the next Senate meeting would take place on Monday, January 23, 2023. Bob Grossman (AS) reminded Senate members that the first day of classes for the Spring 2023 semester would be Monday, January 9, 2022.

The Chair wished Senate members and guests a wonderful break.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM with **no objections.**

Respectfully submitted by,
University Senate Secretary Leslie Vincent

Prepared by Katie Silver on Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Absences: Aaron Cramer*, Alice Turkington*, Andrew Laws*, Angie Martin, Antonio Garcia, Ashley York, Brian Murtha, Caleb Frush, Caroline Slicer, Charles Griffith, Christian Brady, Christine Harper, Colleen Swartz, Craig Collins, Douglas Way, Eli Capilouto, Gina Dugas, Gregory Hall, Heather Bush, Herman Farrell, Hollie Swanson*, Jack Reynolds, Jeffrey Okeson, Jenna Knight, Jennifer Hunt, Jinming Yang, John Bauer*, Jonathan Chait, Julian Heilig, Julianne Ossege, Justin Miller, Kathryn Saatman, Katrice Albert, Kirsten Turner, Mark Birdwhistell, Mary Davis, Mary Vosevich, Michelle Sizemore, Mohammad Awad, Nancy Cox, Ned Crankshaw, Nolan Pringnitz, Olivia Ellis, Patrick Haycraft, Patti Doud, Philip Delcher, Promise Kayembe, Ramakrishnan Pakath, Richard Charnigo*, Richard Ingram, Rodney Guy, Scott Lephart, Taylor Williams, Tom Harris, Will Baird

*denotes absences explained