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Greetings and Happy October,

Another new month is upon us as we venture towards the midterm of the fall semester. So much valuable work is being done across campus and I am excited to provide you with some updates. I cannot express enough appreciation for the work that every one of you do, outside and inside the Senate. The Senate does its best work when colleges elect their best faculty to participate in shared governance.

As is always welcome, the Senate Council continues to engage with Provost Robert DiPaola in meaningful ways. The Provost is planning to host a series of recurring meetings for department chairs, to engage those faculty leaders in discussion. He has also established monthly Provost Council meetings and has requested my participation. The Provost's engagement of faculty is refreshingly optimistic and I look forward to continuing to work with Provost DiPaola as we identify new ways to strengthen shared governance.

One aspect of shared governance that has traditionally been hard to manage is communication between elected faculty senators and the college faculty they represent. While some faculty senators have access to communication tools like college-wide listservs, others do not. To overcome this barrier, the Senate Council directed the SC office to create a listserv for every college, which will be shared among the college's elected faculty representatives. I will announce more about this initiative to senators at the next Senate meeting on Monday, October 10. Your

elected faculty senators are responsible to the faculty they represent and you should expect them to touch base with on a monthly basis, informing you of current Senate activities and seeking your input on current topics.

The University continues to celebrate Latinx Heritage Month through October 15 and will recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day on Monday, October 10. It is not enough to simply recognize that the University rests on the dispossessed lands of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Osage, and Shawnee people. We must continue to take action in committing to social justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion. It is an honor to work with faculty who continue to actively work to carry out these values in their service to the University.

I am grateful for the resources that UK offers and would like to highlight the offices that come to mind when recognizing that October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. The [Violence Intervention and Prevention \(VIP\) Center](#), the [Counseling Center](#), and [University Health Services \(UHS\)](#) are all confidential resources on campus that provide support and resources for those who have experienced or witnessed an incident of economic abuse, physical, sexual, psychological, and/or gender-based interpersonal violence.

Please join us for the Senate meeting on Monday, October 10. The Senate is piloting another hybrid meeting, as the September meeting went quite well. We do ask guests to attend via Zoom, to ensure that there are sufficient seats for those attending in person. You can find the agenda online here:

<https://www.uky.edu/universitysenate/senate/2022-10-10>

Sincerely, DeShana

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Outstanding Senator Award: Jason Keinsley

University of Kentucky Libraries Associate Professor Jason Keinsley has been named the 2022 Outstanding Senator by the University Senate. Keinsley works within the Medical Center Library as a liaison to the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment and previously held the position of agriculture librarian for seven years. Read more about Keinsley's outstanding contributions to the University here:

<https://uknow.uky.edu/professional-news/university-senate-names-jason-keinsley-2022-outstanding-senator>



Left to right: SC Vice Chair Leslie Vincent, Senator Jason Keinsley, SC Chair DeShana Collett

A Message from Faculty Trustees Cramer and Swanson

Greetings from your two faculty members serving on UK's Board of Trustees. As you may know, the Board of Trustees is the final authority over the University (within the Federal and State Constitutions and laws) and engages in high-level governance, policy making, and oversight, delegating day-to-day administration to the President and educational policy making to the Faculty. Like all trustees, we have a fiduciary rather than representative responsibility for the institution. While elected by faculty, we work with the other members in sharing responsibility for the overall good of the institution. A unique role of elected trustees is to bring a perspective to the Board that allows it to understand the University's issues and challenges more clearly thereby enhancing its effectiveness. The perspectives of the faculty, as well as the staff, students, and alumni who are directly impacted by the University, play key roles in enriching the Board's decision-making activities. We ask you to assist us in better providing the Faculty's perspective by contacting and informing us of critical issues. While at times, these issues may not be matters of direct importance for the Board, we often will be able to provide guidance for appropriately addressing your concerns. In addition, your input would aid us in forming a broad perspective of the University to the Board of Trustees to enable it to effectively perform its responsibilities to the University and those that it serves. We present monthly reports at the University Senate meetings and will reach out to you through this newsletter if we think there are particularly important issues to

bring to your attention. Please feel free to reach out to us at hswan@uky.edu and aaron.cramer@uky.edu. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Aaron Cramer (Engineering) and Hollie Swanson (Medicine)

Senate Committees

Are you interesting in participating in shared governance at the University of Kentucky? Consider serving on a University Senate committee! Please fill out the survey [here](#) to indicate your committee interests. Many Senate committees do not require Senate membership; they only require faculty status at the University.

Survey Link: https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cuaFyqSil86ssNE

Faculty Conversations with the President

President Capilouto hosts small groups of faculty members for informal discussions throughout the school year. If you are interested in attending one of these discussions, email katie.silver@uky.edu to be added to the list.

Fall Semester Senate Meeting Dates

Fall 2022 Senate meetings will begin at 3:00 PM and may last up to two hours.

September 12, 2022

October 10, 2022

November 14, 2022

December 12, 2022

[View Senate Agendas](#)

Deadlines for Curricular Proposals

Proposals seeking a Fall 2023 effective date must be received by the SC office by these deadlines.

December 1, 2022

New degree programs

March 1, 2023

Other proposals requiring cmte review

April 12, 2023

Courses, all other program changes, and minors

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