

## A Tribute to UK Liaisons to the Board of Trustees

For over fifty years, the effective interaction of the UK President and Board of Trustees has been supported by the ‘President’s Liaison to the Board.’ However, the Liaison participation has generally not been made readily seen in published pictures of Board meetings. The role was established in 1964 (1) (Timeline below) and was first filled by **Anne Wilson** (2). Beginning April 1964, official Board meetings were held in a new Main Building “Board Room” (3), instead of the President’s Office (4), with Ms. Wilson becoming reassuringly present near the Board Chair and the Presidents (Drs. Oswald and Kirwan) (Figs. [1](#), [2](#)). When the Board 5 years later conducted its first meeting at the 18<sup>th</sup> floor of the newly constructed Patterson Office Tower (5), Ms. Wilson was seated *directly* at the table, next to the new President Singletary and the Board Chair (Fig. [3](#)). Following Ms. Wilson’s retirement (6,7), legendary **Peggy Way** began her 30 year contribution (8) of facilitating effective operation of the Board under five Presidents (Drs. Singletary, Roselle, Wethington, Todd and Capilouto (Figs. [4](#), [5](#), [6](#), [7](#), [8](#), [9](#)). In our current era, the responsibility of Liaison has been upheld by **Amy Hisel** (9) (Figs. [10](#), [11](#)) and (presently) **Katie Hardwick** (10) (Fig. [12](#)).



The Board Chairs and Presidents have shown their reliance on the Liaison not only by how they keep the Liaison close by, but also in the numerous expressions at Board meetings about their specific acts, including but not limited to:

getting the minutes, PR1, and other materials to the Board in advance; managing the consent agenda; handle Board correspondence; improving the Board web site; arranging ad hoc Board meetings (including notices to members by e-mail, fax and federal mail); scheduling the Board retreat; collecting Board member interests in Board committee service; handle acknowledging correspondence received by Board officers or from Senate Council; support of Presidential Search Committee including calendars, meeting equipment, other handling matters (11)(12)

More significantly, both Board Chairs and Presidents have expressed their “special thanks” for, and reliance, on the Liaison’s commitment and counsel (13), as:

"a mainstay at the Board table"

"somebody that the Board simply cannot do without"

“keeping everything in order”

“whose behind-the-scenes efforts ‘keep this engine rolling’ ”

[the Board Chair valued her] "at the Board meeting and have her whispering things into his ear that he may have forgotten to say"

[the President] “said that he is the fourth President that [she] has served. Probably more accurately, the fourth that [she] has trained.”

[the President] “who in ways known and unknown has helped put the University’s best foot forward’

The Liaison’s service on behalf of the institution can reach heroic levels (14).

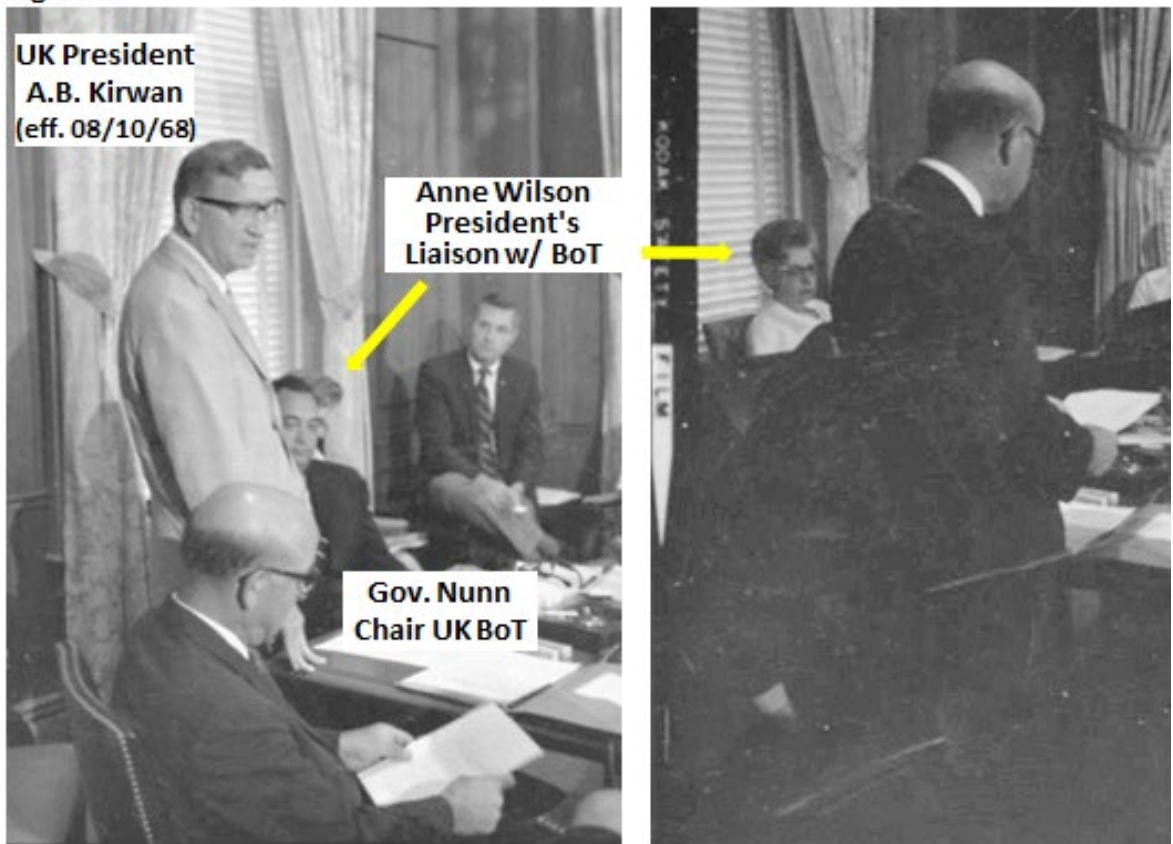
The following Gallery collects the currently internet-reachable published images of our Liaisons ‘in action’ with Presidents and Board Chairs, at official Board meetings.

Figure 1



Board of Trustees Meeting April 2, 1968; Board Room 101 Main Building  
Courier-Journal

Figure 2



Board of Trustees Meeting July 19, 1968; Board Room 101 Main Building  
UK Special Collections

Figure 3



Board of Trustees Meeting Dec. 9, 1969; First Meeting in New Board Room  
18th Floor Patterson Office Tower (inset shows 10-21-69 meeting in old Board Room)  
UK Special Collections

Figure 4



Board of Trustees Jan. 26, 1982; Board Room 18th Floor POT  
Ky Kernel

Figure 5



Board of Trustees March 3, 1987; Board Room 18th Floor POT  
Ky Kernel

Figure 6



Board of Trustees Meeting 1987 or 1988; Board Room 18th Floor POT  
UK Special Collections

Figure 7



Board of Trustees Meeting Dec. 29, 1989; Board Room 18th Floor POT  
Cuurier-Journal (inset Ky Kernel)

Figure 8



Board of Trustees Meeting June 8, 1999; Board Room 18th Floor POT  
Ky Kernel

Figure 9



Board of Trustees Meeting May 3, 2012; Board Room 18th Floor POT

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Figure 10



Board of Trustees Meeting June 10, 2014; Board Room 18th Floor POT

Herald-Leader

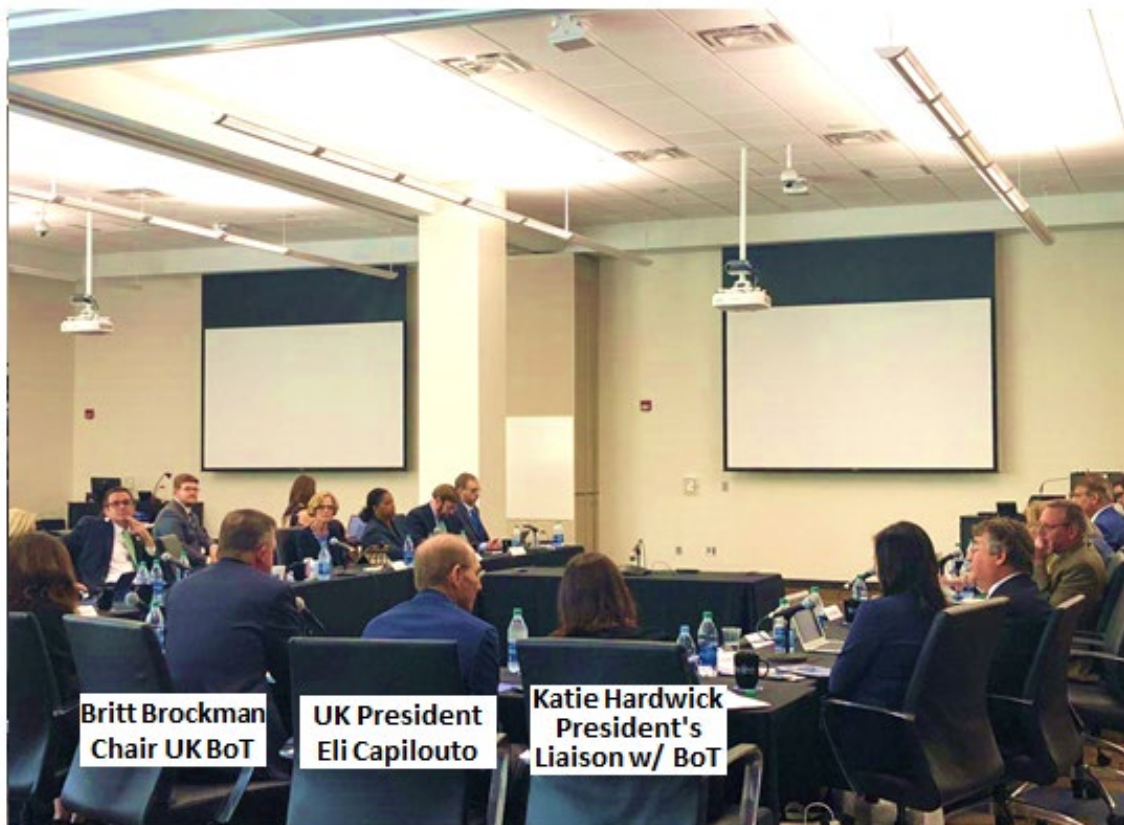
**Figure 11**



**Board of Trustees Meeting June 24, 2016; Board Room 18th Floor POT**

Ky Kernel

**Figure 12**



**Board of Trustees Meeting June 22, 2018; held at Lewis Honors College**

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## References

(1) Board Liaison position established 15 years prior to 1979

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(2) Board of Trustees action to change Anne Wilson from College of Education to the President's Office (1956)

[https://exploreuk.uky.edu/catalog/xt7stq5r8j27?q=%22Anne+Wilson%22+&f%5Bformat%5D%5B%5D=minutes&f%5Bpub\\_date\\_sort%5D%5B%5D=1956&per\\_page=20#page/41/mode/1up/search/%22Anne+Wilson%22+](https://exploreuk.uky.edu/catalog/xt7stq5r8j27?q=%22Anne+Wilson%22+&f%5Bformat%5D%5B%5D=minutes&f%5Bpub_date_sort%5D%5B%5D=1956&per_page=20#page/41/mode/1up/search/%22Anne+Wilson%22+)

(3) First ever Board of Trustees meeting (05-12-64) in 'Board Room' of Main Building

[https://exploreuk.uky.edu/catalog/xt7msb3wtf9b?q=%22Trustees+Room%22&f%5Bformat%5D%5B%5D=minutes&f%5Bpub\\_date\\_sort%5D%5B%5D=1964&per\\_page=20#page/1/mode/1up/search/%22Trustees+Room%22](https://exploreuk.uky.edu/catalog/xt7msb3wtf9b?q=%22Trustees+Room%22&f%5Bformat%5D%5B%5D=minutes&f%5Bpub_date_sort%5D%5B%5D=1964&per_page=20#page/1/mode/1up/search/%22Trustees+Room%22)

Note: Board of Trustees two weeks earlier (04-30-64) had met in the 'new Board Room' of the Main Building

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(4) Prior to 04-30-64, the Board had been meeting in the President's Office

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(5) First ever Board of Trustees meeting in 'Board Room' of 18<sup>th</sup> floor Patterson Office Tower

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(6) Anne Wilson retirement PR2 effective 02/01/80

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(7) Board of Trustees Resolution honoring Anne Wilson Dec. 11, 1979

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(8) Board of Trustees Resolution honoring Peggy Way 02-21-12

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(9) Board of Trustees Resolution honoring Amy Hisel 12-12-2017

<http://www.uky.edu/trustees-archive/minutes/2017/dec/minutes.pdf>

(10) President's Office web page with Katie Hardwick as "Liaison to the Board"

<https://www.uky.edu/president/about/presidents-office>

(11) The descriptions are from minutes of the Board meetings of the following dates: 09-16-69; 01-23-90; 05-02-00; 03-06-01; 04-30-02; 06-21-04; 01-11-05; 09-14-10; 10-24-10; 12-07-10; 10-14-12; Board ASAC Committee 12-15-15; Board HRURC Committee; 02-22-19 (all the cited items are closely paraphrased from official minutes)

(12) Example Senate Council acknowledgment to Peggy Way and Katie Hardwick

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(14) Kentucky Kernel Sept. 23, 1969

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Figure 1. Board of Trustees Meeting April 2, 1968:

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Figure 2. Board of Trustees Meeting July 19, 1968:

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Figure 3. Board of Trustees Meeting Dec. 9, 1969:

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Inset: Board of Trustees Meeting Oct. 22, 1969

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Figure 4. Board of Trustees Meeting Jan. 26, 1982:

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(If this is the first Board meeting attended by Peggy Way, then I infer that the hand indicated by arrow is hers)

Figure 5. Board of Trustees Meeting March 3, 1987:

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Figure 6. Board of Trustees Meeting 1987 or 1988:

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Figure 7. Board of Trustees Meeting Dec. 29, 1989:

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Inset: same Board meeting

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Figure 8. Board of Trustees Meeting June 8, 1999:

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Figure 12. Board of Trustees Meeting June 22, 2018:

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