

Senate Faculty Affairs Committee
October 30, 2023, 1pm
Zoom (link in email)

1. Roll Call
 - a. Members present: Ernest Bailey, Mei Chen, Jennifer Cramer (chair), Jennifer Greer, Sarah Hall, Hayley Hoffman, Treshani Perera, Leon Sachs, Karen Skaff, Lisa Tannock
2. Introducing new members
 - a. Jennifer Cramer introduced and welcomed new ex-officio representatives from the Provost (Lisa Tannock) and President's Office (Jennifer Greer)
3. Title Series
 - a. Review final draft: brief discussion about small, specific changes to the report that the committee agreed could be made as friendly amendments (and therefore included in the draft for vote)
 - b. Vote to send draft to Senate Council: vote passed 6 in favor, 1 abstention; Jennifer Cramer will send the draft with friendly amendments to Senate Council
4. Sabbaticals
 - a. We discussed issues raised about Sabbatical Leave at UK and agreed to continue our conversation at the next meeting.
 - b. Jennifer Greer offered to ask Lisa Tannock (who had left due to other constraints) to provide information about the numbers of sabbatical requests received and approved/delayed/rejected by College/Provost, perhaps by Nov 20th in preparation for next meeting.
 - c. Jennifer Greer also mentioned Lisa's idea of encouraging and celebrating sabbatical work and reaffirmed the Provost's support for faculty Sabbaticals.
 - d. We will continue to add items about sabbaticals to the Google Drive document.
 - e. Some concerns were raised about the context within which we are discussing sabbaticals. Jennifer Cramer and Karen Skaff will talk to SC Chair Collett about the issue.
5. Items from the floor (time permitting)
 - a. A question was raised about recent budget cuts at other universities and concern about "...Liberal Arts being gutted in favor of job training" and implications for faculty/programs at UK. We can ask Senate Council if we should pursue this topic.
 - b. Next meeting: Monday, November 27th at 1:00pm
 - c. Meeting adjourned at 2:13pm