

University Senate

Monday, January 23, 2023

The University Senate (Senate) met in regular session at 3:00 PM on Monday, January 23, 2023, 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 and an opportunity to test voting.

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: making a point of order, motioning, question of facts and debate, and calling the question.

1. Announcements

The Chair announced that the SC office plans to send forward a proposed change to the *Senate Rules (SR)*, regarding nomenclature for program changes. The Chair noted that the current nomenclature included “minor change, major change, and significant change,” and the proposed nomenclature would include “minor change, change, and significant change,” which would be a more logical taxonomy. The Chair explained the proposal would be coming forward in the next few weeks.

The Chair informed Senate members that the SC office staff worked on updated the SRs over the break and ran into some areas in the proposal which were a little difficult to codify, related to the approval process steps for badges homed outside a college. After discussions with members of the Senate Rules and Elections and Committees (SREC) and others involved with the proposal, it was agreed that academic council oversight would be necessary for every badge proposal (credit-bearing and non-credit bearing, and homed within and outside a college), to ensure broad University vetting. The Chair described the approval process for badge proposals and noted badges would be put on a 10-day post (web transmittal) for final approval to ensure broadest vetting possible.

The Chair informed Senate members that new forms had been created – one a new badge, as well as a form to create a faculty body. The Chair noted that she would announce when the forms received final approval and asked Senate members to let those interested in creating badges to contact the SC office. In response to a question from Vice Chair Vincent (BE), it was confirmed that badges created during the pilot period must go through the Senate approval process to continue to be offered.

The Chair announced that the Senate Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) had discussed whether the Senate needed to approve every USP proposal if the guidelines and requirements were well-established. The Chair explained a proposal coming forward to modify the *SRs* slightly to indicate that if the requirements for USP proposals in the *SRs* were met, representatives of both degree programs would just need to request the Graduate School create the USP. The Chair noted the Senate already had the framework for USPs in the *SRs*.

The Chair informed Senate members that the SC office met with the Office of Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness (OSPIE) about changes to the *SRs* on suspension and closure of programs. The Chair explained that the current *SR* language was outdated and still permitted units to suspend admissions for up to one year without going through Senate, which was disallowed a couple years ago due to Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) requirements. The Chair explained the *SR* language needed to differentiate between suspension and closure and that the SC office would propose a shortened approval process wherein after suspension, units would be prompted in four years to either submit a significant program change to reopen or close. The Chair noted the proposed *SR* changes would also be given to the SREC for review.

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. December 12, 2022 Minutes

The Chair noted that clerical edits were received to the minutes from December 12, 2022

- b. Proposed New USP between BS Agricultural and Medical Biotechnology and MS Integrated Plant and Soil Sciences
- c. Proposed New USP between BS Agricultural and Medical Biotechnology and PhD Integrated Plant and Soil Sciences
- d. Proposed New USP between BS Natural Resources and Environmental Science and MS Integrated Plant and Soil Sciences
- e. Proposed New USP between BS Natural Resources and Environmental Science and PhD Integrated Plant and Soil Sciences
- f. Proposed New USP between BS Aerospace Engineering and MS Mechanical Engineering
- g. Proposed New USP between BS Aerospace Engineering and PhD Mechanical Engineering
- h. Proposed New USP between BA International Studies and MA Diplomacy and International Commerce
- i. Proposed Suspension and Closure of Graduate Certificate in Environmental Systems
- j. Proposed Suspension of PhD Gerontology
- k. Activity Reports from Academic Councils and Committees
- l. Minutes and 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 SRs gave SC and the SC Chair the authority to take some actions on behalf of Senate as long as they are reported. The Chair informed Senate members of the following actions:

- One behalf of SC and Senate, the Chair approved a one-time, temporary addition of distance learning (DL) for an engineering course, noting that this action would allow the eight students currently enrolled to take the class.
- SC approved a nonstandard calendar for NRE 320, noting that this action would ensure staff involved at camp where the course was held would be available for the duration of the course.

The Chair informed Senate members that SACSCOC requires a quality enhancement plan (QEP) from universities as part of a 10-year affirmation. The Chair noted that the QEP for the University's accreditation activities occurring this year is titled "Transdisciplinary Education Approaches to Advance KY (TEK)," and explained that QEP Co-Chair Susan Cantrell (ED) provided an update to SC members. The Chair commented that Senate would request a presentation on TEK when the work was finished and ready for dissemination, which would likely be in April.

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 Aaron Cramer (EN) and Hollie Swanson (ME) provided a report to Senate members regarding the recent Board of Trustees (Board) meeting on December 12 and 13. Cramer noted this meeting ordinarily included a healthcare retreat, but the retreat was canceled by President Capilouto. Cramer described activities from the Board meeting, including approval of degrees, suspension and closure of two programs, investment performance considerations, approval of financial items, and the renaming of the Department of Finance and Quantitative Methods as the "John Maze Stewart Department of Finance and Quantitative Methods."

Cramer informed Senate members that the Board also evaluated the President's performance and found the President to have major accomplishments including recruiting a record high incoming first-year class, increases in graduation rates, diversity improvements, employee compensation investment, and the transaction involving the acquisition of King's Daughters health system. The Board found the President to have major strengths which include his relationship fostering, commitment to students, responsiveness to students, and focus on the strategic plan. The Board found opportunities for improvement related to improving transparency, DEI, faculty relationships through shared governance, and morale. Cramer noted that a resolution was introduced on the floor to commend the President's performance and accomplishments. The faculty trustees noted that the resolution was not a balanced summary of the Board's evaluation of the President. While the Board noted opportunities for the President to improve, the resolution did not direct the President to improve in these areas. The resolution passed 17-2.

Senate members asked questions about the survey distributed to constituent groups for the President's evaluation and the impact of the acquisition of King's Daughters health system on the University's educational mission.

4. Old Business

a. Subcommittee on Programs without Faculty Oversight – Update on Activities

Leslie Vincent (BE) provided an update on activities from the Subcommittee on Programs without Faculty Oversight to Senate members.

Bob Grossman (AS) asked if the subcommittee's activities included reviewing the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). Vincent noted that the subcommittee's initial activities included reviewing all programs at the University. Grossman expressed concern about a lack of faculty oversight for OLLI. The Chair commented that OLLI was no longer homed under the Office of the Provost and was now homed under the Office for Institutional Diversity.

5. Committee Reports

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

The Chair invited SAPC Chair Sandra Bastin (AG) to provide a report to Senate members.

i. Proposed New MS Criminal Justice (online)

Bastin explained the proposed new MS in Criminal Justice, to be offered online. The Chair explained the proposal also involved online delivery and was reviewed by the Senate Committee for Distance Learning and eLearning (SCDLeL), as well, and invited SCDLeL Chair Sara Police (ME) to provide information from the SCDLeL review. Police noted that one point of discussion among committee members was if there was a sufficient number of faculty to teach in the program. The proposer made it clear that the college could not advertise new faculty postings until the program was approved. Police explained the SCDLeL made a unanimous recommendation to approve.

The Chair explained there was a recommendation that the University Senate approve the establishment of a new MS Criminal Justice in the College of Social Work and be offered online. Because the **motion** came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair asked if there were any questions of fact or debate and there were none. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with three opposed and two abstained.

ii. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Trauma-Responsive Practice (online)

Bastin explained the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Trauma-Responsive Practice, to be offered online. The Chair explained the proposal also involved online delivery and was reviewed by the Senate Committee for Distance Learning and eLearning (SCDLeL), as well, and invited SCDLeL Chair Sara Police (ME) to provide information from the SCDLeL review.

The Chair explained there was a recommendation that the Senate approve the new Graduate Certificate in Trauma-Responsive Practice, in the College of Social Work, and be offered online. Because the motion came from committee, no second was required. The Chair asked if there were any questions of fact or debate and there were none. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed or abstained.

iii. Proposed Change to BSFOS Food Science

Bastin explained the proposed change to the BSFOS Food Science.

The Chair explained there was a recommendation that the Senate approve the proposed change to the BSFOS Food Science. Because the motion came from committee, no second was required. The Chair asked if there were any questions of fact or debate and there were none. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed and three abstained.

- b. Senate Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) – Gregg Hall, Chair
- i. *Proposed Name Change from College of Education to College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences - DISCUSSION ONLY*

The Chair provided background for the proposed name change from the College of Education to the College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences and included information about her involvement with the proposal. The Chair explained she engaged with former dean Julian Vasquez-Heilig (ED) and proposer Molly Fisher (ED) to let them know that due to the scope of the change, documentation of communications with all affected colleges needed to be included. The Chair informed Senate members that the Senate did not have final approval authority for name changes related to organizational structure, but *Governing Regulation (GR) IV ("The University Senate")* required the Senate to make recommendations to the President or Provost regarding the establishment, alternation, abolition, and reporting relationships of education units, including name changes to units. The Chair noted that the SC would suggest motion language for the February Senate meeting to either recommend to the Provost and President that they move the proposal to the Board, or Senate could vote to report its actions without asking for review by the Board. The Chair invited SAOSC Chair Gregg Hall (GS) to provide information from the SAOSC about the proposal. Hall presented information about the proposal and related SAOSC activities to Senate members.

The Chair reminded Senate members that this item was for discussion only. The Chair noted that senators may suggest amendments to the modify the proposal to be incorporated for the Senate's discussion in February, where the proposal is scheduled to be heard for a second time and voted upon. Before moving into discussion, the Chair opened the floor to senators whose colleges did not have a letter included in the proposal. Eric Blalock (ME) read a letter from the College of Medicine dean's office, which expressed the college's concern with including "human sciences" in the proposed name change.

The Chair explained that SC voted to ask the Senate to discuss the proposal and opened the floor for questions of fact and debate. She noted that collaborative discussions should occur well before a proposal reaches a Senate committee for broad vetting, although if that does not occur prior to Senate review, the Senate has its own policies to ensure broad vetting.

A robust discussion took place. Senate members discussed the following:

- Lack of similarly named colleges in other SEC and KY institutions
- The interdisciplinary nature of the word "sport"
- Favorability for overlap with elements of the name that contributed to multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary research
- The committee's rationale for seeking additional letters from colleges to attempt to resolve dispute before Senate consideration
- Opposition expressed by departments in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment
- Whether the proposed name would be confusing to students
- Opposition from the College of Health Sciences and concerns about the proposed name diluting resources in the future, creating additional expenses for students

Faculty Trustee and past SC Chair Aaron Cramer (EN) commented that guidance was never sought from him when he was serving as SC Chair while the proposal was being created. He said that it was important to think about how the proposal would impact the University broadly and noted that collaboration to develop consensus to reach an acceptable solution was needed.

Proposer Molly Fisher (ED) responded to the discussion from Senate members, noting the college's rationale for the proposal. Fisher commented that the name change would offer potential to collaborate, more accurately represent the college, and increase research funds.

The Chair state the proposal would return to Senate for a second reading on February 13.

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

i. *Proposed Changes to Senate Rules 4 ("Rules Relating to Admission to the University")*

The Chair explained that today would serve as a first reading for the proposed changes to the *SR 4 ("Rules Relating to Admission to the University")* and that this item would be for discussion only. The Chair asked Senate members to note that the entirety of the section was not being changed, just the sections relating to undergraduate enrollment. Due to the scope of these proposed changes, and in part to give the SREC time to evaluate how the change may impact other areas of the *SRs*, the Chair decided that the proposal would be given two readings at Senate. The Chair informed senators that the stricken text on standardized test scores will be restored, as test-optional admissions will be a separate action item. The Chair explained the current *SR* waiver for the test-optional pilot would expire with the incoming class of 2024-25 unless Senate approved a permanent change regarding standardized test scores. The Chair noted that Harper was aware any formal change to *SR 4.2.1* about standardized test required for admission would need to be submitted as a proposal, which would require full Senate review and approval prior to changes the *SRs*. The Chair explained that SREC Chair Roger Brown (AG) was aware of these changes and that the SREC was already scheduled to review the proposed changes and provide guidance about what other *SRs* may to change as well.

Vincent described the proposed changes to *SR 4 ("Rules Relation to Admission to the University")*. The Chair commented that this proposal would return to Senate for a second reading. Senate members provided a variety of comments and asked questions about non-selective colleges, GPA requirements, and academic preparedness placement. The Chair asked Senate members to send any questions or comments to Vincent by the end of business day on Friday, January 27.

6. Test-Optional Update – Vice President for Enrollment Management Christine Harper

The Chair invited Vice President for Enrollment Management and Chief Enrollment Office Christine Harper to provide an update to Senate members on the test-optional admissions pilot.

Harper provided an update to Senate members about the test-optional pilot and invited Institutional Research, Analytics, & Decision Support (IRADS) Executive Director Todd Brann to provide data pertaining to the pilot to Senate members.

Provost Robert DiPaola offered praise for the data provided by IRADS and the test optional pilot's data-driven approach.

7. Items from the Floor

The Chair welcomed items from the floor.

Loka Ashwood (AS) asked about a recent USA Today news article about consequences for schools for non-compliance with Title IX. Ashwood mentioned a 2019 working group at the University tasked with making recommendations to President Capilouto regarding sexual assault and harassment. Further, the relevant Administrative Regulation has been an interim regulation since 2020. Ashwood asked if the Senate could gather information about the University's compliance with Title IX and the impact on education. The Chair said she would ask for a written update from Provost DiPaola.

Bob Grossman (AS) raised an issue regarding the use of “My Old Kentucky Home” at University athletic events. Grossman noted that the song had racist implications and requested University administration be asked about discontinuing use of the song at athletic events. The Chair noted she would look into the matter.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 PM with **no objections**.

Respectfully submitted by,
Leslie Vincent

Prepared by Katie Silver on Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Absences: Aaron Garvey*, Alan Desantis, Alice Turkington*, Angie Martin, Ashley York, Caleb Frush, Caroline Slicer, Charles Griffith, Chizimuzo Okoli*, Colleen Swartz, Craig Collins, Eli Capilouto, Gina Dugas, Jack Reynolds, Jenna Knight, Jennifer Wilhelm, Jurgen Rohr, Justin Miller, Katrice Albert, Kirsten Turner, Lisa Cassis, Mark Birdwhistell, Mary Vosevich, Michelle Sizemore, Mohammad Awad, Ned Crankshaw, Nolan Pringnitz, Olivia Ellis, Patrick Haycraft, Patti Doud, Promise Kayembe, Rodney Guy, Scott Lephart, Taylor Williams, Thomas Seigler, Thomas Troland*, Will Baird

**denotes absence explained*