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Welcome to November, a month dedicated to the power of gratitude.

As we begin to settle into the cooler months, there's no better time to pause and reflect on the many blessings in our lives that bring us warmth. November marks National Gratitude Month, a special time when we come together to celebrate the profound impact that gratitude can have on our well-being and the world around us. I would be remiss if I did not also acknowledge that November is Native American Heritage Month. As a faculty member and Chair of the Senate Council, I recognize the

significance of the ancestral lands on which this University stands. Despite UK holding the 6th largest collection of unrepatriated remains of Native Americans in the United States, the University has committed to repatriating all Native American remains and cultural belongings and is making progress toward this effort. As a community we should humbly acknowledge the territories once traversed by those who came before us and those who continue to inhabit them. We should hold deep gratitude for the privilege of gaining knowledge and contributing to the well-being of the territories initially nurtured by the Native communities of the Osage, Shawnee, Cherokee, Adena, and Hopewell peoples, as well as their succeeding generations.

In a world often bustling with busy schedules and daily challenges, taking a moment to express appreciation can be a transformative experience. It not only uplifts our spirits but also strengthens our connections with others and fosters a sense of unity and belonging. Throughout this month, take time to show gratitude to those in your life, whether it is acknowledging the kindness of a stranger, the support of a loved one, or the simple joys in life. Gratitude has the power to turn ordinary moments into extraordinary ones. Let's make this month a time of embracing positivity, spreading kindness, and cultivating boundless appreciation.

With gratitude and warm wishes,

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Faculty Spotlight

The Senate Council congratulates Dr. Akiko Takenaka on the release of her second book, "Mothers Against War: Gender, Motherhood, and Peace Activism in Postwar Japan." The book, due out in 2024, follows the women's movement in Japan during the Cold War, as they resisted allowing Japan to rearm. Dr. Takenaka was awarded the Fulbright Grant in 2017 to research and write her book. The Fulbright program is designed to increase mutual understanding between people of the United States and people of other countries. Read more about Dr Takenaka's book here.

Transdisciplinary Educational Approaches to Advance Kentucky (TEK)

Through transdisciplinary problem-solving, TEK seeks to develop students' essential employability skills, including the highly valued abilities to identify multiple points of view, communicate ideas effectively, collaborate in teams and reflect on growth. During the Spring 2024 semester, new TEK DISCOVER courses will be offered utilizing the UKC prefix and will satisfy UK Core requirements. Courses focus on topics such as climate change, misinformation, creative spaces and well-being. In addition to new TEK courses, faculty are refining their pedagogical approaches in existing courses.

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.

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 dori.grady@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 11, 2023

October 9, 2023

November 13, 2023

December 11, 2023

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, 2023
New degree programs

February 16, 2024
Other proposals requiring cmte review

April 12, 2024
Courses, all other program changes, and minors

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