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Dear Colleagues,

As we embrace autumn, it's impossible to ignore the complex and longstanding issues that continue to challenge the pursuit of peace and stability. In an increasingly interconnected world, our responsibility as a center of education and research extends beyond the boundaries of our campus. Our institution is committed to providing an

inclusive and welcoming atmosphere for all. This commitment extends to those who may feel vulnerable or distressed due to ongoing world conflicts. We encourage open dialogue, respect for differing viewpoints, and a commitment to peace, both in our local community and on the global stage.

The University Senate brings together diverse voices from across the campus community to make decisions that impact our educational mission, research endeavors, and overall student experience. As we navigate the ever-evolving landscape of higher education, our Senate remains steadfast in its dedication to the values of shared governance, transparency, and accountability. It's a place where thoughtful debate and informed decisions coalesce, ensuring that our University continues to thrive and adapt to the challenges of our time. As we navigate the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, let us remember that it is through collaboration and a shared commitment to excellence that we will continue to thrive.

Sincerely,
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Senate Elections

Starting this academic year, the University Senate expects colleges to complete their elections for senators in the late fall, as opposed to during the spring semester. Completing elections earlier translates into Senate committees being able to start work earlier in the fall semester. Colleges that choose to still conduct their elections in the spring may notice that their newly elected senators may not be placed on a committee of their choosing; committee preference requests are processed in the order in which they are received.

UK Innovation Badges

The University Senate congratulates UK Innovate on receiving University Senate approval for 13 new badges. The Innovation Training Micro-Certification badges are offered to the experienced researcher/faculty who want to build their skillsets. The courses for the UK Innovation badges use experiential design theory and mentorship programming, which support learners' perception of their role in contributing to science, commercialization, and impact on the community through their research. For more information about these badges, contact UK Innovate's Associate Director for Innovation Training Christine Wildes.

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month serves as a powerful reminder that love should never hurt. It's a time when we come together to stand with survivors, advocate for change, and raise our voices against the silent pandemic that affects millions of lives. Together, we work to eliminate the stigma surrounding domestic violence, ensuring that victims are never silenced, and their stories are heard. If you or a loved on is experiencing domestic violence, reach out to the Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) Center, located in the Gatton Student Center.

National Work and Family Month

October is National Work and Family Month. This year's UK theme is "The Whole Person Perspective." Work-Life will host a weekly Tuesday and Thursday virtual workshop series via Zoom along with a few regular programming on Wednesdays. See all details and Zoom links on the HR online calendar here.

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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