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Dear Colleagues,

I trust this newsletter finds you well and in high spirits. Throughout the past month, the University community has been closely monitoring several legislative bill proposals that have the potential to disrupt our sense of belonging and challenge the fundamental element of academic freedom. We are part of an institution that is committed to providing educational opportunities to all students, without exception. These opportunities should offer a safe space for students to develop as global citizens, where they can freely express themselves without fear of judgment or suppression. Education should serve as a platform for critical thinking and the exploration of diverse perspectives, creating an environment that equips students with the skills required to successfully navigate the complexities of the real world. I believe we are committed to ensuring every individual has the opportunity to flourish and grow.

The Senate Council is starting to have conversations concerning the recent legislative proposals and will continue over the next month as we determine our next steps or actions. I ask you to continue to stay aware and updated on the progress of each bill. Please ask questions and be willing to provide feedback to Senators, Senate Council members, myself, or President Capilouto. We need to hear from you: hear your stories, concerns, and thoughts.

Additionally, if you are receiving information about the work of the Senate or Senate Committees and would like additional information or clarity, I ask that you reach out to Senators, Senate Council members, or myself. There are faculty, students, and administrative representation from every educational unit on the University Senate. We are the voice for **all faculty** and we value dialogue and engagement to assure we convey that voice accurately.

Regards,
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Black History Month

February is Black History Month, a time to honor the rich heritage, achievements, and contributions of Black individuals throughout history. From groundbreaking leaders and activists, to artists, scientists, and innovators, their impact resonates across all aspects of society. This month serves as a reminder to reflect on the struggles and triumphs of individuals and communities who have shaped the world in countless ways. This month, we encourage you to show solidarity as we strive for equality and justice for all. Learn more about Black History Month here.

Board of Trustee Meetings

BoT meetings are open and informative meetings. This month the BoT will meet on February 22nd & 23rd. We encourage you to attend the in-person meetings on February 23rd, which will include updates and reports from all five Campuswide committees starting at 8:00am.

Nominations Open for Emmett P. "Buzz" Burnam Inclusive Excellence and Expansion Impact Awards

The University of Kentucky Office for Institutional Diversity is accepting nominations for the Emmett P. "Buzz" Burnam Inclusive Excellence and Expansion Impact Award. Nominees for the award should be someone who exhibits a commitment to creating and fostering a community of belonging. The award is open to all UK alumni and friends, past and present faculty and staff. Learn more 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.

Spring Semester Senate Meeting Dates

Spring 2024 Senate meetings will begin at 3:00 PM and may last up to two hours.

February 12, 2024

March 18, 2024

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 8, 2024

May 6, 2024

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