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Dear Colleagues,

As we usher in the new year, the start of January brings fresh opportunities, renewed energy, and a sense of purpose to our campus. I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and high spirits, ready to embrace the exciting journey that the coming semester has in store. January on our campus is always a bustling time as we witness the return of students, faculty, and staff after a well-deserved break. As we get back into the swing of things, there are several updates I want to make you are aware of.

The Kentucky legislative session has started, and several legislative proposals related to tenure (link below), deadly weapons on campus (link below), and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) (link below) have been introduced. The University Senate and Senate Council will pay close attention to the proposals as they move through the legislative process and are ready to assess the potential effects of these proposals on our academic community.

Campus-wide activities related to the Board of Trustees Chairman Recommendation, CR 1, are underway, and each of the five (5) groups has begun to engage stakeholders from across campus. Activities and updates, including published presentations, related to the current work status can be found at the link below. The next update will be presented during the February 22 & 23 Board of Trustee meeting.

As you may recall, the Senate approved new committees last year, the Senate Faculty Affairs Committee and the Senate Ad Hoc Teaching Course Evaluations (TCE) Committee. The Senate Faculty Affairs Committee is reviewing and recommending action on issues related to performance reviews and standards for evaluation, promotion and tenure, employee benefits, work-life matters, recruitment and retention, and more. The Senate should expect a committee report, including recommendations related to the faculty title series at the February 12 Senate meeting. The Ad Hoc Teaching Course Evaluations Committee has been working on reviewing several aspects of TCEs, including national standards, appropriate uses of TCE results, and potential new software for TCE survey distribution. The committee is completing its report with recommendations to present to the Senate.

As we navigate through this year, I encourage you to make the most of the resources and opportunities available to you here at the University of Kentucky. I look forward to sharing the journey ahead with you and celebrating the achievements and contributions of our remarkable community. Your dedication and passion continue to be the driving force behind the excellence that defines our university.

Sincerely,
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Tenure: 24RS HB 228 (ky.gov)
Deadly Weapons on Campus: 24RS SB 66 (ky.gov)
DEI: 24RS SB 6 (ky.gov)
Information about CR1: Accelerate Kentucky | Office of the President (uky.edu)
Board of Trustee Meetings: Board of Trustees Meetings | Board of Trustees (uky.edu)
Senate Faculty Affairs Committee: Faculty Affairs Committee | University Senate (uky.edu)
Senate Ad Hoc Teaching Course Evaluations Committee: Senate Adhoc Teaching Course Evaluations Committee | University Senate (uky.edu)

Farewell to Sheila Brothers

With gratefulness in our hearts for 18 years of service to the Senate Council office, we are wishing Sheila Brothers a fond farewell. She has been the backbone of the office and will be truly missed. She has been with UK for a total of 28 years and is retiring to start a second career at the Council on Postsecondary Education. Sheila's last day at UK will be Friday, January 26 and between now and then, she'll be finishing up some pending projects and working on a smooth transition within the office. Please join us in wishing her well with her new endeavors!

Join us in 201 Main Building on Monday, January 22 from 11am-2pm to celebrate Sheila's retirement. Refreshments will be provided.

AAUP Open Forum

The UK chapter of the AAUP (American Association of University Professors) is holding an open forum via Zoom to discuss HB228, a bill filed recently in the Kentucky General Assembly. If passed, this bill could constitute a serious threat to tenure and shared governance by allowing appointment and removal decisions to be delegated to university presidents.

The open forum is scheduled at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 8th, 2024. To join from PC, Mac, Linux, or mobile device, go to: https://uky.zoom.us/j/84129843776

The AAUP encourages AAUP members and all interested parties to attend the forum and to learn more about HB228 and its potential impact on tenure and shared governance.

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

April 8, 2024

May 6, 2024

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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