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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	Technology: Responsible broadly for educationally related IT issues, including review of IT-related proposals and recommendations on technology issues affecting educational objectives.
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	
<i>Items completed:</i>	
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	STC serves as liason between the University Senate, representing the faculty, and the Information Technology Advisory Council (IT AC), which co-ordinates input from the entire campus. The IT AC is establishing a number of standing committees. Part of the STC's job is to provide ex officio members for these standing committees.

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	Admissions and Academic Standards: Charged to examine and recommend to the University Senate changes in the following areas: admission requirements and grading rules, standards for granting academic credit, probation and suspension procedures, and degree and graduation requirements.
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	Reviewing proposals
<i>Items completed:</i>	6
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	4
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	3
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	Test-optional pilot Review of SR 10.3
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	Faculty Affairs: Review and recommend action on issues related to: performance reviews and standards for evaluation; promotion and tenure; employee benefits; work-life matters; recruitment and retention; issues raised by the Senate Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure; and any other similar topic assigned to it.
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	Other
<i>Items completed:</i>	N/A
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	N/A
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	N/A
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	First meeting of the committee. Introductions, discussion of charge, plans for future business, set meetings for next semester.
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	Beginning to pursue a topic suggested (though not explicitly assigned) by Chair Collett: the use of TCEs in faculty evaluations. No movement was made on the topic, but we determined that it may be useful to get someone from OSPIE to discuss their plans for the software when the current contract expires.

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	UK Core Education Committee
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	Reviewing proposals and discussing issue(s)
<i>Items completed:</i>	9
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	1
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	5
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	1. UK Core Exception/Exception Appeal procedures and criteria for education abroad courses; 2. UK Core Assessment plan/process revisions
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	See Answer 9 above.
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	1. UK Core Exception for education abroad courses in the area of Global Dynamics -- Why is it difficult for us to assess. 2. UK Core Assessment -- challenges

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	Graduate Council: It shall consider all proposed new courses and changes in courses which may be used for credit toward a graduate degree and consider all proposed new graduate programs and changes in graduate programs, and degree titles (for both graduate program degrees and Honorary Degrees), forwarding its transmittal to the Senate Council. In addition, it shall review all graduate programs. (These procedures are not intended to prevent a faculty member from presenting a recommendation or request directly to the Graduate Faculty.)
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	Reviewing proposals and discussing issue(s)
<i>Items completed:</i>	18
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	1
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	22 Currently under review.
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	Auxiliary Graduate Faculty status.
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	Auxiliary Graduate Faculty Status.
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	None

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	Academic Advising: Responsible for regularly reviewing the effectiveness and accountability of academic advising throughout the University, setting standards for the quality of academic advising, making recommendations to the Senate Council regarding academic advising, and advising the Senate Council about all recommendations or proposals to the Senate regarding academic advising.
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	Discussing issue(s)
<i>Items completed:</i>	N/A
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	6
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	6
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review advising quality data 2. Review double reporting status 3. Review reports on graduate student advising 4. Review reports on online student advising 5. Issues in advising retrospective withdrawal 6. TA salary
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	We don't have concrete information to share with senators at this point.

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	Disability Accommodation and Compliance: Recommends educational policies and implementation practices/standards relating to disability accommodation and regulatory compliance.
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	Discussing issue(s)
<i>Items completed:</i>	Discussions
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	None
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	TBD
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	Questions from the Senate Council regarding the DRC and faculty involvement in the process.
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	See attached file.

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	Academic Planning and Priorities: Charged with concern over major, broad, long-range plans and priorities. The SAPPC is responsible for recommending to the University Senate plausible academic goals for the institution, identifying major academic problems likely to be faced by the University, and developing procedures and criteria for recommending academic priorities.
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	
<i>Items completed:</i>	
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	Calendar: Review and offer recommendations for action on: the Academic Calendars submitted by the Registrar; program- and course- specific requests for calendars that deviate from the Academic Calendar; issues related to closures, academic holidays, and waivers for academic holidays; and any other similar topic assigned to it.
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	
<i>Items completed:</i>	
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	We will consider whether to suggest revisions to Senate Rule 2.1.
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	We set meeting times for the Spring 2023 semester and processed a number of items by electronic correspondence during the month of December. These items included calendars for Law (7-0-1 vote, yes-no-abstain, to recommend approval by Senate Council), Medicine (8-0-0), Dentistry (8-0-0), the University (8-0-0), Pharmacy (no formal motion, but results of a Calendar Committee poll were sent to Senate Council), and NRE 320-010 (no formal motion, but results of a Calendar Committee poll were sent to Senate Council).

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	Research and Graduate Education: Responsible for reviewing University research policies and graduation education policies and their implementation. The SRGEC is responsible for making recommendations to the University Senate regarding those policies and the priorities for them.
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	
<i>Items completed:</i>	
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	Centralization of Business Officers
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	We will be meeting with Lisa Cassis, VPR, in January to hear about the process

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	Distance Learning and e-Learning: Responsible for identifying and monitoring issues related to distance learning (DL) and e-learning (e-L); responding to Senate concerning external regulations regarding DL and e-L; recommending strategies regarding DL and e-L; and collaborating on issues relating to DL & e-L.
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	Reviewing proposals and discussing issue(s)
<i>Items completed:</i>	2
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	2 pending agenda items
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	2
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	Our committee has been discussing DL TCE questions; we are preparing a list of recommendations for the TCE subcommittee.
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	DL TCE questions and the TCE process at UKY
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	SCDLeL reviewed and recommended approval for two program proposals requesting online delivery and heard from online program directors to solicit feedback about DL TCE questions.

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	Diversity and Inclusion: Charged to increase diversity among senators, in particular representation of URM; work with senior leadership to disseminate best practices for recruiting & retaining faculty of color and other underrepresented groups; and addressing other related issues.
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	Discussing issue(s)
<i>Items completed:</i>	We had a lot of discussions, but our items aren't necessarily able to be 'completed'.
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	10; these won't necessarily lead to a vote. Most are topics for discussion.
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	~5-10
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	Many different diversity, inclusion, equity, and accessibility topics.
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	The number of faculty senators that identify as URM have increased over the past 4 years.

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	Libraries: Charged with the responsibility for recommending to the University Senate policies to promote the educational interests of the University with respect to the Libraries, the faculty body of which is equivalent to the faculty of a college.
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	Discussing issue(s)
<i>Items completed:</i>	N/A
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	N/A
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	N/A
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	UK Libraries Educational Services On-line journals - subscriptions, access, fee structures
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	The library committee discusses issues that are decided upon by the committee and the Dean of the Libraries. On-line journals is a subject of great interest and concern.
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	The libraries are the heart of the University; they are central to research, education, and service. Understanding the resources available and helping to further support and develop them is vital to the University's missions.

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<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	
<i>Items completed:</i>	
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	N/A

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	Health Care Colleges Council: It shall consider, (i) all proposed new courses and changes in courses offered in a professional health care program, or (ii) undergraduate or graduate courses that involve students in health care practices that originate from a college represented on the HCC Council and all proposals for new academic professional programs, changes in academic professional programs, changes in professional degrees or degree titles, changes in the admission or graduation requirements, and other academic issues concerning professional health care programs that originate from a college represented on the HCCC.
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	Did not meet - there are items needing review but something prevented the committee from meeting
<i>Items completed:</i>	n/a
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	4
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	11
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	We had 4 course proposals that were initially on December's agenda. Upon further review, it was discovered that these course proposals required a program change proposal, so the proposals were pushed to January's agenda until the program change could come
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	Minutes from the October and November HCCC meetings have not yet been approved by the HCCC, and will be included once approved at the January meeting.

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	Retroactive Withdrawal: Decides all student requests for retroactive withdrawals as provided by Senate Rules 5.1.7.5.
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	Reviewing proposals and discussing issue(s)
<i>Items completed:</i>	15
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	2
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	8
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	The committee has been discussing other appeals processes related to the RWA process (tuition appeals, scholarship appeals, etc.) and how students are impacted. The committee has also been discussing acceptable supporting documentation for retroactive wit
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	The SRWAC met in an emergency session electronically to consider a request that was transmitted by the college on 12/7/2022. It became known that the student involved in this request was graduating in December 2022. The committee decided to consider the case in an emergency session as the transmission of the file to the SC Office was delayed due to administrative oversight, and not delayed due to action by the student. Minutes are not recorded, as SRWAC meetings are closed to protect student confidentiality.

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	Undergraduate Council: It shall consider all proposed new courses and changes in courses which may be used for credit toward an undergraduate degree and also consider all proposed new undergraduate programs, changes in undergraduate programs, including degree titles, from all colleges offering an undergraduate degree. Further, it shall consider all changes in the University requirements. The Undergraduate Council shall recommend on all of the above to the Senate Council. In addition, it shall review all undergraduate programs.
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	Reviewing proposals
<i>Items completed:</i>	22
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	6
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	98, of which 91 have been assigned to reviewers
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	Preparing a proposal for revision of the senate regulations related to the GCCR, discussion of DOE allocated to Undergraduate Council members
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	Meeting minutes for the December meeting will be approved at the January 10 meeting. They can be obtained from Ann Eads after January 11.

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	Academic Organization and Structure: Charged to review and recommend to the University Senate priorities on all proposals regarding educational units, make appropriate recommendation to the University Senate regarding educational units, and study and report to the University Senate on matters pertaining to faculty size and strength, and student enrollment.
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	Reviewing proposals and discussing issue(s)
<i>Items completed:</i>	3
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	n/a
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	n/a
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	Philanthropy; MDRC/MDRI
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	n/

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<i>Committee name and charge:</i>	Nominating: Review and offer recommendations on: requests for faculty representatives, considering all aspects of a nominee (race, gender, ethnicity, unit affiliation, discipline, tenure status, rank, administrative position, previous service to the Senate, etc.) and the purpose of the committee for which the nominee was requested; policies to promote diverse memberships; and any other similar topic assigned to it.
<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	Other
<i>Items completed:</i>	1
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	N/A
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	N/A
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	How to tap a larger pool of candidates to nominate for committees
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	N/A

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<i>How the committee spent its time this past month:</i>	Discussing issue(s)
<i>Items completed:</i>	N/A
<i>Items reviewed but still under discussion:</i>	3
<i>Items left to be reviewed:</i>	3
<i>Issues other than course/program proposals being discussed:</i>	We still need to review quality reports about graduate student advising, advising quality, and dual reporting.
<i>If any, what topics not assigned by the SC office are being discussed?</i>	
<i>What would you like to say about your group's work?</i>	Nothing currently