Dear Colleagues,

In the middle of the Spring 2020 semester, you leapt into action to transform your courses, to connect with your students in new ways, and to adapt to a truly unprecedented situation. Despite the challenges of spring, you have worked selflessly this summer to help the University plan its reopening and to adapt the curriculum to serve our students in the fall. This response has really made me proud to be a UK faculty member during this time.

Your teaching, research, and service matter to the University, to the Commonwealth, and to the world. Please take care of yourselves and your families, take care of your colleagues, and take care of our students.

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Academic Policies in Response to COVID-19

Academic Policies across campus are being amended in response to COVID-19. Please visit the University Senate Fall 2020 Academic Policies in Response to COVID-19 for FAQs and the most up-to-date information.

Recommended Syllabus Statements and Templates

The Senate Council has endorsed the recommended syllabus statements for faculty teaching face-to-face here.

For more Senate resources about syllabi and templates visit https://www.uky.edu/universitysenate/course-syllabi.

Face Shields and Clear Masks

As we approach the start of the fall semester, a number of faculty and staff have asked about the use of either face shields or clear masks in classrooms and other contexts. The University has concluded that both forms of face covering are allowable. A growing amount of research indicates both shields and clear masks are effective.

Faculty Conversations with President Capilouto

President Capilouto hosts small groups of faculty for informal discussions throughout the school year. If you are interested in attending one of these discussions, email stephanie.woolery@uky.edu to be added to the list.

Fall Semester
Senate Meeting Dates

September 14, 2020

October 12, 2020

November 9, 2020

December 14, 2020

All meetings via video conference
from 3:00-5:00

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Deadlines for
Curricular Proposals

February 1, 2021
New degree programs

March 15, 2021
Other proposals requiring
committee review

April 12, 2021
Courses, all other program
changes, and minors

*These deadlines are for proposals to be
considered for a Fall 2021 effective date.*

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