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Ernie, Davy

May I request your advice on a matter of some urgency? The CPE continues to push UK to establish a Completer Degree. I don't know if Davy has any background on this. Basically, it is designed to allow any KCTCS graduate with any Associate's degree (say in Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) to enroll at any state institution and have a path leading to a Bachelor's degree with no more than 60 additional credit hours required.

The urgency is that now all other state universities have satisfied the requirement and we are mandated to document our plans to do so on a very short schedule next week). One of my arguments has been, and I hope can continue to be, that UK is unique in that university regulations dictate that faculty determine educational policy. And if establishing curricula and new degree programs is not educational policy, nothing is.

I also recall an argument Davy makes on related issues that tracks this role of faculty at UK to Kentucky statute, and that this statute is specific to UK.

First, could you advise me if my memory is correct about this and if this is a relevant argument in this case?

Second, could I request time at the next Senate Council meeting to seek an opinion on the issue from that body? If so, when would that be?