University Senate November 12, 2007

Proposed Motion Regarding Robinson Forest

Toward the end of the Senate's October meeting, a misunderstanding occurred in which some senators were mistakenly under the impression that motions could not be made. The Senate Council (SC) subsequently decided to solicit motions from senators, after which the SC would determine which motion(s) would be sent forward to the Senate for discussion for consideration. There were two motions submitted (separately) by two senators.

At the SC meeting on Monday, November 5, the SC reviewed the motions and combined the two. Below is the *proposed* motion that will be presented to the Senate, which is the sole motion that could be moved by the Senate regarding the issue of Robinson Forest.

The University Senate recommends that the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees: 1. develop a set of guidelines regarding undeveloped lands owned or obtained by the university that include oversight and decision-making policies for the use of these lands. These policies should evaluate the conservation value of the land, specific legal requirements of each property and the research initiatives proposed, with ultimate acknowledgement of the educational, conservation and ecological resources of each property, as it relates to the long-term mission of the University of Kentucky; and 2. place a moratorium on the logging of Robinson Forest until the guidelines for use of undeveloped lands owned by the University are established, and applied to Robinson Forest.