



Dear Colleagues,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the beautiful changing of the seasons on our campus. Thanks to those of you who wrote kind words about our first few newsletters. We are glad that these communications help the faculty to feel more connected to the work of the Senate, and increase awareness about the good work that the Senate is doing.

In our October meeting, Provost David Blackwell provided an update about a variety of matters he and his team have been working on. Associate Provost for Internationalization [Sue Roberts](#) shared the [report of the Implementation Team](#) tasked with assessing last year's [Blue Ribbon Panel on Graduate Education report](#). The Implementation Team's report prioritizes six items from the Blue Ribbon Panel report and encourages the Provost to focus his efforts regarding the future of the Graduate School on those six items.

Four Committees made reports at the October Senate meeting. Later in this newsletter you can read the highlights of Senator [Deborah Chung's report](#) as Chair of the [Senate Library Committee](#). The Senate voted on the first new degree program proposal of the year – the newly proposed Ph.D. in Arts Administration, which, if approved by the Board of Trustees and the Council on Post-Secondary Education, will be the first fully online Ph.D. at the University of Kentucky. The Senate also voted to approve the removal of the PCAT standardized test as an admissions requirement to the Pharm.D. program in the College of Pharmacy. Finally, we heard a [report](#) on the activities of the Senate's Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee from that committee's Chair [Jim Donovan](#).

The November Senate meeting, held at 3 pm on Monday, November 11, promises to be packed full of exciting agenda items, including a presentation by President Eli Capilouto, reports from both the Academic Ombud and the Chair of the University Appeals Board and several Senate Committee reports. The Senate Council Office's Sheila Brothers will show Senators the fine points of using Curriculog, a lesson made necessary by the move of the program approval process into the Curriculog system, which you can read more about later in this newsletter as well.

I was honored to be included by the Staff Senate as a presenter of the Faculty Recognition Outstanding Staff Awards. Thanks to the faculty across campus, five incredible staff members were finalists for this award. The finalists were Sabrina Brewer (*winner*), Sheila Brothers, Terri Dawson, Mary Ann Isaacs, and Lisa Witt. You can read more about the nominees and winners of all the Outstanding Staff Awards [here](#).

As always, I encourage you to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or observations you may have, or if you'd like to have a cup of coffee and talk more about your experiences at U.K. I'd be very pleased to meet you!



Best wishes,

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University Senate's Program-Approval Process Moves to Curriculog

You may already be familiar with using Curriculog for Course Proposals and now the Program Approval Process has been moved to Curriculog too! We received a lot of feedback about the previous process and have taken that into consideration when designing the new one.

The information required throughout the approval process is generally the same, but instead of submitting everything in one enormous PDF document, the process has been broken into smaller, more logical components. Proposers can now revise information more easily, and reviewers can find the information they need faster. New Curriculum Workbooks have been developed for each proposal type and new Faculty of Record forms have helped to streamline the process as well.

Program proposals leaving the college level after **December 2, 2019**, must be submitted using the new forms and processed in Curriculog. Proposals that have left the college by December 2nd can continue through the approval process using the old Microsoft Word forms.

To watch a video describing how to create and submit proposals using Curriculog, click on the video below or visit <https://youtu.be/MsmB4XfsbhI>. For detailed instructions on how to create and submit program proposals, visit www.uky.edu/universitysenate/programs.



Congratulations Sheila Brothers for being a finalist for the faculty nominated outstanding staff award!



Update from the Senate's Library Committee

An important part of the Senate's Library Committee's responsibilities includes the evaluation of the Library's Alternate Textbook Grant proposals. Starting in 2016, the Senate Library Committee has participated in reviewing submissions, which provides grants to UK faculty to support the adoption of an alternative textbook, open course content, or UK Libraries' licensed resource as a replacement to traditional commercial textbooks. This program encourages faculty to explore and consider the adoption of open content or Library resources for their courses while reducing the cost of textbooks for students.

For example, for the 2018-2019 academic year, SLC members worked hard during the spring semester to review a total of 25 applications in which 10 participants were awarded grants. There are two grant categories: one for the adoption of content and resources, and another for the creation of new open course content.

So far a total of 7,071 students have benefitted from the program, resulting in a total student savings of an estimated \$939,434 collectively. Over the years the libraries awarded a total of 39 grants to faculty represented by 10 colleges across campus. Stay tuned for the upcoming year's announcement in early spring!

Fall Semester Senate Meeting Dates

November 11, 2019

December 9, 2019

Meetings are held at 3 pm in the Auditorium of W.T. Young Library

[View Senate Agendas](#)

Deadlines for Curricular Proposals

February 3, 2020
New degree programs

March 16, 2020
Other proposals requiring committee review

April 13, 2020
Courses, all other program changes, and minors

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.



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