



Dear Colleagues,

We are nearing the end of what has been a very long year. I hope you can see all that you have accomplished. While much has been asked of you, you probably also have demanding expectations of yourself. In these times, it can be difficult to see how much good you have done, and there can be a temptation to dwell on what you may wish to have done better. A brief examination of your efforts in this moment reveals the magnitude of your contributions:

- You have taught yourself (and in many cases helped teach your colleagues) new ways to educate our students.
- You have strived to provide the best opportunities for our students while balancing the health and well-being of yourselves, your families, your colleagues, our students, and the entire community.
- You have found new ways to engage in research and service in a time when our world needs these the most.

Education is at the heart of our three-fold mission of teaching, research, and service. The success of our students is at the heart of what we, as faculty, do. We teach our students, challenge them, inspire them, counsel them, and sometimes console them. Working in our departments, schools, and colleges and supported by an excellent staff and the entire University community, we have primary responsibility for the education of our students, the very foundation upon which their success will build. The University could not be where it is today without your efforts, and I hope you will have time to reflect on your contributions to our success while decompressing between semesters.

The University Senate is meeting on Monday at 3:00 via Zoom. The agenda can be found [here](#). These meetings are open meetings, and I hope you will consider joining. Highlights of the meeting include:

- The Senate Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee annual report.
- Voting on the proposed transfer of the Center for Muscle Biology from the College of Medicine to the College of Health Sciences.
- Voting on a proposal to establish a direct admission path to upper-division status from undergraduate students in the Gatton College of Business and Economics.
- The state of our libraries from the Dean of Libraries.
- Results of a recent Senate survey about the pandemic during the fall semester.

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Faculty Mini-Grants Available for UK Service-Learning Projects

University of Kentucky's Center for Service-Learning and Civic Engagement is offering mini-grants of up to \$1,000 to select faculty members who are introducing new service-learning components into their Spring 2021 course curriculum. The purpose of the mini-grants is to promote and support service-learning activities that are being introduced for the first time in a course or added to a current course to integrate service-learning.

The deadline for application is 11:59 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020.

For more information: <http://servelearnconnect.uky.edu/service-learning-mini-grants>

Winter Instructional Support from Teaching, Learning, & Academic Innovation

CELT and UK Online will continue to support instruction over the winter session in the form of virtual office hours and scheduled consultations. Virtual office hours will be held at

<https://uky.zoom.us/j/97391113714> on a drop-in basis 10:00 to 4:00 Mon-Fri from 12/7 to 12/18, 1:00-2:00 Mon-Wed from 12/21 to 12/30, and 10:00 to 4:00 Mon-Fri from 1/4 to 1/20. Faculty can

schedule a consultation with CELT at <http://bit.ly/askcelt> and with UK Online at elearning@uky.edu. In addition, we are coordinating dedicated support and mentorship for graduate instructors over the winter session; anyone interested can contact Trey Conatser at trey.conatser@uky.edu for more information. For additional instructional resources, see our Teach Anywhere website at <https://teachanywhere.uky.edu/>.

Spots Open for the Y Academy at UK

The Y Academy at the University of Kentucky has spaces available for UK and UK HealthCare employees working on-site who are in search of child care options. Located on campus at the corner of Alumni Drive and Nicholasville Road, the Y Academy is designed to provide a safe, fun and nurturing environment for remote learning. Students receive support with virtual lessons and activities while also engaging in physical fitness, STEAM challenges, social-emotional learning and more. [Learn more...](#)

Register online:

https://operations.daxko.com/Online/2060/ProgramsV2/Search.mvc?program_id=CC22523384&

Congratulations, Dr. Debra Harley! Recipient of the Outstanding Senator Award 2020

Dr. Debra Harley, Professor in the Department of Early Childhood, Special Education and Counselor Education received the 2020 University Senate Outstanding Senator Award. Dr. Harley has been a faculty member since 1993 and has been an active leader in service throughout her entire career at UK. She has served four separate terms in the University Senate and on the Senate Council. She is currently serving as a representative from the College of Education. [Read more...](#)



Congratulations, Joanie Ett-Mims! Recipient of the Faculty-Nominated Outstanding Staff Award



The Staff Senate has created distinct awards to give students, staff, and faculty the opportunity to recognize staff they see who go above and beyond what is required of them. Recipients of these awards do things without being asked, develop new initiatives, and generally contribute to the bigger picture for the University. One of their Outstanding Staff Awards categories recognizes staff who demonstrate unparalleled excellence in their work, who are nominated by faculty.

In a field of very worthy nominees, Joanie Ett-Mims (Senate Council Office) is the 2020 winner in the “Faculty Nominations” category, for her outstanding work and support for the University Senate and its initiatives. Among many other things, Joanie administratively manages the Senate’s UK Core Education Committee and the Undergraduate Council.

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.

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.

Academic Alert System Updates

The Academic Alert System has been updated and is now live. Faculty members can submit alerts to students who have missed classes, been habitually late to class, not submitted homework, submitted homework of poor quality, performed poorly on tests/quizzes, are at risk of failing the course, and/or who have indicated that they may leave UK. With the new updates, faculty can submit their concerns through their class roster or through Canvas and the message is directly communicated to the student. For additional information visit www.uky.edu/advisors/node/3065.

Fall Semester Senate Meeting Dates

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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