



Dear Colleagues,

I hope you are well. So much has changed in the last six months, but one thing remains clear to me: the University's role in society has never been more important. It is critical to understand how our teaching, research, and service transform the world and to articulate this clearly to the stakeholders who make decisions that affect our future. While this external communication is essential, it starts within. We must continue to stand boldly for what makes a university different from other forms of enterprise. Unique among these differences is the role of shared governance, one of the core values of the University. To remind you of the centrality of this value at UK, below is an excerpt from UK's Governing Regulation I, Part E:

"The diverse expertise collectively available to the University in its faculty, administration, staff employees, and students is a valuable resource. The University as a whole will be able to function at maximum effectiveness where there is an environment in which the sharing of this expertise is valued and promoted. If this expertise is shared, it will enable policy-makers at every level of the organization to make better decisions. To achieve this objective in an environment of shared governance, faculty bodies and administrators will reciprocally solicit and utilize the expertise of the other as each makes decisions in their respective areas of policy-making authority. Through these empowering processes of shared governance, the administration, faculty members, staff employees and students all share the responsibility of attainment of the University's goals."

Shared governance does more than *allow* us to contribute; it *requires* this of us. The forces that seek to shape the future are strong and may not always have the same values or understanding of our institution as we do. We must be equally strong to ensure that the future is bright for the University and the people it serves.

Our next University Senate meeting is Monday, September 14 at 3:00 via Zoom. It is our first full University Senate meeting since March, and there is some excitement and nervousness about overcoming the new technical challenges so that we can meet together. We will hear an update from President Capilouto. I will provide the University Senate with an update on the many activities that have been undertaken on its behalf since last year. We will hear reports from the Senate's UK Core Education Committee and Academic Facilities Committee, and Academic Programs Committee will present proposals for new 2+4 and 3+4 dual degree programs between the Human Health Sciences and Pharmacy programs. We will also receive updates from Assistant Provost Weber on the Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes used to classify our academic programs and from UK Police Chief Monroe. Before the Senate meeting, we will have an orientation session for new senators.

Senate meetings are open meetings, and all members of the UK community are welcome to join. If you are interested in attending a Senate meeting, please visit the [Senate's agenda page](#); when you click on a particular meeting date, the Zoom details will be available at the top of the agenda. You should always feel free to communicate observations, concerns, or suggestions to your college senators or to me or other members of the Senate Council. Shared governance requires all of us to take an interest in the trajectory of the institution and work together to guide it. Please accept my continued best wishes for a successful and safe year.

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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.

Looking for Childcare?

UK has partnered with the YMCA of Central Kentucky to open the Y Academy at UK. Space is currently available for school-age children from 6:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday (partial weeks also available). It is located at the corner of Nicholasville Road and Alumni Drive. Every effort will be made to support students with NTI/2DL. UK College of Education students who are studying to become teachers will also work with students at the Y Academy, gaining valuable field experiences while responding to a community need. Child Care Assistance Program funds will be accepted. Financial assistance is also available for those who qualify. More financial assistance information is available from the YMCA of Central Kentucky.

Register online:

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

Outstanding Staff Awards Nominations

Join the Staff Senate in recognizing and celebrating the contributions of our staff who help make the campus community what it is today.

The Staff Senate have created distinct awards to give students and faculty the opportunity to recognize staff they see go above and beyond what is required of them. Recipients of these awards have done things without being asked, created new programs and generally contribute to the bigger picture for the University.

[Nominate someone today!](#)

Library Quality Improvement Survey

As we plan for the future of UK Libraries, it is important that we understand the perceptions and expectations of UK students and faculty so that we can provide the services and resources that you need most. To that end, we ask you to help UK Libraries by participating in a library quality

improvement survey. You will receive the link to the survey on September 22, 2020. Please encourage your entire faculty to complete the survey.

The Association of Research Libraries administers the survey entitled LibQUAL+. The results of this survey allow us to benchmark our results against those of peer institutions across the country and identify best practices. Responses are confidential.

Thank you for helping us to improve library services!

Any questions about the survey contact Julene Jones, Interim Assessment Coordinator for UK Libraries.

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 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

September 14, 2020

October 12, 2020

Deadlines for Curricular Proposals

February 1, 2021

New degree programs

November 9, 2020

December 14, 2020

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

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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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