

University Senate
February 13, 2012

The University Senate met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, February 13, 2012 in 103 Main Building. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands unless indicated otherwise.

Chair Hollie I. Swanson called the University Senate (Senate) meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

1. Minutes from December 13, 2012 and Announcements

Friar **moved** that the Senate approve the Senate minutes from December 12, 2011 as amended. Wasilkowski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair offered a variety of announcements.

- Board of Trustees Chair Britt Brockman met with the Senate Council (SC) in late January. He will be attending the Senate meeting in April. Anyone with suggested topics of discussion can send them in.
- There are four new SC members; the Chair introduced Debra Anderson, Gail Brion, Alison Davis and Elizabeth Debski.
- The Chair approved the inclusion of three students on UK's December 2011 degree list, who were omitted due to a clerical error. The degrees earned were a BS in Equine Science and Management, a PhD in Animal Sciences and a PhD in Psychology.
- On behalf of Senate, at request of the Gatton College of Business and Economics, the SC approved the temporary suspension (one year) of admissions into the BBA in Analytics. This is part of the efforts to restructure the School of Management.
- Regarding the annual reports from the Senate's Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure (SACPT) the Chair noted that a faculty member with an appeal going to the SACPT reviewed the past annual reports and let the Chair know that they were very helpful. In addition, there was a positive outcome to faculty member's situation. The Chair said that when senators were unsure of the benefits of committee reports, this type of assistance was very helpful to faculty.
- A mass email will be sent out in future days regarding changes to worker's compensation.
- Two web transmittals are currently posted – senators should take a few minutes to review them.

The Chair asked Davy Jones, chair of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC), to share information with senators about the ongoing faculty trustee election, in its second and final round. Jones reminded senators that Terry Conners (AG), Shelly Steiner (AS) and John Wilson (ME) were the candidates who made it to the final round of voting. There are 2, 128 eligible voters. Voter participation in the first round ranged from 25% to 81% by college, with an overall 48% of eligible voters participating. Jones thanked the College of Nursing faculty for setting a high bar for having the highest participation

rate. He added that at the beginning of the first and second rounds, an email announcement was sent to all eligible voters; that email was also sent to deans and faculty council chairs with the hope that they will forward to all faculty in their area. In addition, information was disseminated through a couple of UKNow articles. He asked all senators to be sure to vote if they had not already done so.

There were additional announcements.

The Chair reported on the activities of a variety of standing and ad hoc committees (Senate's Academic Programs Committee, Senate's Academic Planning & Priorities Committee, Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee, Joint Staff/University Senate Employee Ombud Committee, ad hoc Distance Learning Committee, ad hoc Calendar Committee, the group comprising the Honors Faculty of Record and the Faculty Committee on Review, Rewards and Retention Committee (FCR³).

The FCR³ is charged with reviewing policies and procedures related to faculty evaluation, promotion and tenure. Define opportunities & incentives, aligned with the priorities of the University, which hold the greatest possibility to improve faculty satisfaction & overall outcomes for the University. There will be three workgroups, with the following sub-charges:

- Examine criteria & expectations used to evaluate faculty performance & recommend changes, if necessary.
- Examine annual/performance reviews and recommend changes, if necessary.
- Determine whether faculty development and accountability are appropriately addressed and recommend changes, if necessary.

The document handling system is coming along nicely although it is still in the pilot stages in AS while the rest of the kinks are worked out.

The Alumni Association is donating a sculpture to the University, which will be unveiled in Wildcat Plaza, across from Memorial Coliseum. Those interested in being a part of this activity can purchase pavers for about \$250 or so and the income will be used for scholarships.

The Chair introduced Bill Swinford, the President's Chief of Staff. Guest Swinford began by offering a memorial resolution in honor of the late Gloria Singletary, wife of UK's eighth president.

Memorial Resolution Presented to the University Senate by Bill Swinford of behalf of
President Eli Capilouto and Dr. Mary Lynne Capilouto
February 13, 2012

Gloria Walton Singletary passed away the afternoon of February 10, 2012, following a brief illness. Mrs. Singletary is survived by two daughters, Bonnie Singletary Robertson and Kendall Singletary Barret; one son, Robert Scot Singletary; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was 88.

Married to the eighth President of the University of Kentucky, Dr. Otis A. Singletary, Gloria was affectionately referred to by many as "Glo." She left an indelible impression on our University and forever changed the Lexington community and Bluegrass Region.

Born Gloria Walton, she was the daughter of a Methodist minister, a native of Lanett, Alabama, and grew up on the Gulf Coast of Mississippi. A 'quintessential southern lady,'

Ms. Walton met her husband Otis Singletary while attending Perkinson Junior College in 1940. They were later married on D-Day, June 6, 1944 in her father's church in Moss Point, Mississippi.

Following World War II, where the Singletarys enlisted in the US Navy, the couple earned their degrees in history at Millsaps College in 1948.

In the midst of turmoil and restlessness for our campus and country, the Singletarys arrived at the University of Kentucky in 1969. With patience, intellect and resolve the two of them, together, led UK for nearly two decades through a period of tremendous progress – helping define and grow the modern public research institution we have become.

Described as the 'grand first lady' for the University of Kentucky, Gloria Singletary, with a sense of grace, clever honesty, and pleasant diplomacy, stood with her husband and blazed her own path as a mother away from home to countless UK students, comforter of patients in our hospital, and advocate of the arts in our community.

After her husband's tenure as third-longest serving president of the University of Kentucky and his passing in 2003, Gloria continued to champion the arts and numerous causes in our community. Her steadfast devotion to The Living Arts and Science Center helped enrich the lives of countless children and adults through engagement in civic art programs and basic sciences.

"No, I've got to take care of this roof," shouted Gloria from the roof to her fellow board members standing in the parking lot of the Living Arts and Science Center. Having never asked someone to do something that she was not willing to do first, Mrs. Singletary climbed to the top of the Center's roof to address needed maintenance concerns.

The Center dedicated the Gloria W. Singletary Gallery in honor of her many contributions.

Gracious, unassuming, personable, genuinely interested in others – all recollections of her dearest admirers over her nearly 90-year life – frame the character of Mrs. Singletary. A singular manifestation of the type of life we strive to lead – one of service, sacrifice, and love.

Anderson **moved** that the Senate endorse the memorial resolution and Wasilkowski **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. On behalf of President and Dr. Capilouto, Swinford thanked senators.

Swinford then offered senators information about the 2012 General Assembly's activities to date, focusing on the activities that involve UK, President Eli Capilouto's interactions with legislators, the prospect of a public-private partnership to build one, and perhaps additional dorms on campus, and information on UK's 2013 budget, including the anticipated cut from the state. Swinford answered a wide variety of questions from senators.

When the discussion concluded, the Chair thanked him, and senators offered a round of applause.

3. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee (SRWAC) - Tom Nieman, Chair

i. 2010 - 2011 Annual Report

Guest Tom Nieman offered a report to senators on the 2010 – 2011 activities of the Senate's Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee.

b. Senate's Admission and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) - Raphael Finkel, Chair

i. Proposal to Change BS in Community Communication and Leadership Development

Finkel explained the proposal. There was brief discussion about the proposal.

Finkel noted that the **motion** from the SAASC was that the Senate approve the proposed changes to the BS in Community Communication and Leadership Development, effective fall 2012. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with one opposed.

ii. Proposal to Change Minor in Community Communication and Leadership Development

Finkel explained the proposal to senators.

Finkel noted that the motion from the SAASC was that the Senate approve the proposed changes to the Minor in Community Communication and Leadership Development, effective fall 2012. There was one question asked for clarification. A **vote** was taken and the motion passed with none opposed.

c. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) - Andrew Hippisley, Chair

i. Proposed New University Scholars Program for a BS to MS in Civil Engineering

Hippisley explained the proposal. There were no questions from senators. The **motion** from the SAPC was that the Senate approve the proposed University Scholars Program for a BS to MS in Civil Engineering. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

d. Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) - Davy Jones, Chair

i. Proposed Changes to *Senate Rules 1.4.4.2* ("Senate Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure (SACPT)")

Jones explained the proposed changes. The **motion** from the SREC was that the Senate approve the proposed changes to *Senate Rules 1.4.4.2*, effective immediately. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

ii. SREC Recommendation on Proposed Changes to *Senate Rules 3.1.0* ("Course Numbering System")

Jones explained the proposed changes to *Senate Rules 3.1.0* and answered questions from senators. After brief discussion, Jones explained that the changes to undergraduate courses in the 800- and 900-level series was a separate discussion item, which would be discussed at a later date. Jones clarified that the proposed changes were throughout Section 3.1, not just in Section 3.1.0.

Jones noted that the **motion** from the SREC was that the Senate approve the proposed changes to *Senate Rules 3.1*, effective immediately. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

iii. SREC Recommendation on Select 800- and 900-Level Courses

Jones explained that the SREC was requesting that this particular item be pulled. The recommendation was for the 800- and 900-level courses (professional series) in Landscape Architecture and Nursing be renumbered, since SACS and the CPE no longer recognizes those undergraduate degrees as professional

degrees requiring 800- and 900-level numbers. The intent was for the change to be effective fall 2013. However, the SREC will work with both programs on a timeline that works best for each program.

Jones **moved** to return the SREC recommendation on select 800- and 900-level courses to the SREC for further discussion. Grossman **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. Proposed 2011 Honorary Degree Recipients - Dean Blackwell, Chair, University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees

Jeannine Blackwell, dean of the Graduate School offered a presentation on two honorary degree recipients.

Wood **moved** that the elected faculty senators approve the two candidates for honorary degrees to be conferred at the May 2012 commencement and submission through the President to the Board of Trustees, as the recommended degrees (honorary doctor of engineering and honorary doctor of science) to be conferred by the Board . D. Anderson **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair asked Dean Blackwell if she wanted to say something about the confidentiality of the names. Dean Blackwell said that she did – she asked senators to keep the names confidential.

After a brief discussion about the number of nominees, etc., Jones clarified that the *Senate Rules* allowed for five honorary degrees to be offered during one academic year.

5. Preliminary Discussion on Financial Disclosure Policy (Presentation and Clarification Only)

The Chair offered a simple introduction to senators, explaining that the proposed financial disclosure policy was a result of federal requirements and that there were probably aspects of the proposed new policy that senators would not like. She added that the language has been vetted through the University Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities, the Regulation Review Committee, and the Senate Council.

Provost Kumble Subbaswamy offered a brief presentation to senators on the proposed new financial disclosure language and policies. It was reiterated a number of times that the external activities that must be reported are those that have bearing on one's UK work responsibilities. J. Tracy added that all faculty, exempt staff and non-exempt technical staff will need to submit such disclosures. In response to a question from Debski, the disclosure will need to be filled out by post-doctoral fellows, but not graduate students, as per the federal definition of "investigator" (one who is responsible for the design, conduct or reporting of information, and who is reasonably independent).

When there were no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Robert Grossman,
University Senate Secretary

Absences: Adams, Allison, Anderson, H., Anstead, Arthur*, Atwood, Ballard, Bensadoun, Brennen, Davis, de Beer, Deep, Eckman, Ettensohn, Farrell, Feist-Price, Ferrier*, Fielden, Goldstein, Hackbart, Harris,

* Denotes an absence explained prior to the meeting.

Harrison, Heller*, Hulse*, Jackson, Karan, Kelly, Kirk, Lester, Martin*, Mazur, Mock, Murthy, Newman, O'Hair, D., O'Hair, M. J., Osborn, Payne*, Pienkowski, Richey, Schein, Scutchfield, Sekulic*, Shannon, Smith, Steiner, Stombaugh, Subbaswamy, Tick, Tracy, J., Tracy, T., Turner, Voro, Wells, Wimberly, Wiseman, Witt, Wyatt*, Yelowitz*.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Thursday, March 1, 2012.