

The University Senate met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, January 14, 2019 in 106 White Hall Classroom Building. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via electronic voting devices unless indicated otherwise. Specific voting information can be requested from the Office of the Senate Council.

Senate Council Chair Jennifer Bird-Pollan called the University Senate (Senate) meeting to order at 3:04 pm. She thanked senators for attending, noting that there had not been a January Senate meeting in some time. She reviewed the regular reminders to senators, including Senate following Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised), and asked senators to be civil and to participate, to share Senate's activities with colleagues, and to leave voting clickers prior to leaving.

The Chair called for an attendance vote and 68 senators registered their presence.

1. Minutes from December 10, 2018 and Announcements

The Chair explained that updated minutes were sent to senators on Wednesday of the prior week, with an expanded section on the question and answer session with President Eli Capilouto. She asked if there were any other revisions but there were none. The Chair indicated that Cross (CI) had a comment about the meeting minutes.

Cross (CI) explained that he had objected to the minutes because details regarding the President's answers to questions were not included in the minutes. He said he did not attend the meeting in December, but reviewed the transcript. Cross opined that the President's comments did not completely describe the lawsuit. Cross explained that the judge dismissed the claim against UK administrators and the governor's administration at the request of the plaintiff. Cross noted that the plaintiff was not obligated to reveal why he requested that, although it was dismissed without prejudice and could be taken up again by the plaintiff. Cross said he was making this statement to be sure that senators did not misunderstand. Cross further thanked the President for his comments stating that academic freedom was fundamental to a faculty member's work. Cross ended by asking that a reference to his statement be included in the day's meeting minutes.

The Chair noted that Cross had withdrawn his objection once the answers were included. There being **no objections**, the minutes from December 10, 2018 were stand **approved** as amended by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair offered a series of announcements.

The SC office received funding for a new, third full-time employee. The position was posted over winter break and closed January 9. The intent of the new position is to give the current two employees more capacity to address course- and program-related activities. The new position's duties will include most of the office's clerical activities, which are currently being performed by the two existing employees

Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) is currently deliberating on a proposal to allow non-degree-seeking students to earn an undergraduate certificate. Senators can expect to see the proposal in the coming weeks.

The Blue Ribbon Graduate Education Implementation Committee is being formed and it will be chaired by Associate Provost for Internationalization Sue Roberts (AS/Geography).

The Chair offered her thanks to Patrick Lee Lucas (DS/Interiors), who agreed to serve as chair of the UK Core Education Committee. She said that she and Lucas would be meeting with Provost David Blackwell in the coming weeks.

The results of the 2017-18 faculty evaluation of the president is now online (with past years' evaluations) at <http://www.uky.edu/universitysenate/faculty-evaluation-president>.

The Senate's Committee on Committees met last week, per the request of the Senate Council (SC). The group is comprised of current and past chairs of Senate's committees. Current chairs were asked to review sections of the *Senate Rules (SRs)* related to their respective committees. If there is SR language that should be changed, such as a description of committee processes, composition, charge, etc., the Chair urged committee chairs to work with their committees to submit formal proposals to change the SRs.

The Ombud Search Committee will begin meeting soon and will be chaired by Corrine Williams (PbH/Health, Behavior & Society). The Chair explained that current Ombud Joe McGillis (ME) will complete his second one-year term this semester. Per SR 6.2.3, the ombud serves a one-year term but, if that person desires, they can proceed to a second one-year term with the approval of the Provost and SC. After a second one-year term, an ombud can be reappointed only after a full search by the committee and if Provost concurs. When the solicitation for ombud nominees is sent out, the Chair urged senators to consider self-nominating or nominating a colleague.

The Staff Senate is again sponsoring a staff and faculty DanceBlue Party on Friday, February 8, from 11 am – 1 pm. Questions can be directed to the Staff Senate office.

Faculty nominations now being accepted for the Sarah Bennett Holmes Award, which annually recognizes one female staff employee and one female faculty employee for contributions that affect women at UK and across the Commonwealth.

The Chair reminded senators yet again about the Senate's curricular proposal deadlines. If faculty are seeking a fall 2019 effective date, curricular proposals must be reviewed by the appropriate academic council(s) (Graduate Council, Health Care Colleges Council, and Undergraduate Council) and received by the SC office by:

- February 11, 2019 for new degree program proposals.
- March 15, 2019 for other proposals requiring committee review (new certificates, transfers of a degree, new department, change to credit hours required for graduation, significant program changes, etc.).
- April 15, 2019 for courses, all other program changes, and minors.

The Chair encouraged senators to share the deadline information with colleagues.

2. Officer and Other Reports

a. Chair

At the December Board of Trustees (Board) meeting, Provost David Blackwell announced some changes regarding the timing of the CPE's (Council on Postsecondary Education) review of new programs. At UK's

request, CPE's Board will consider new program proposals prior to review by UK's Board, as long as UK's Board of Trustees acts within six months of that consideration. The Chair said that the change would give proposers some flexibility in terms of deadlines. She added that the Senate/Board calendar regarding deadlines for new programs was unchanged and the SC office was still encouraging units to get proposals submitted to academic councils as soon as possible.

Grossman (AS, faculty trustee) asked at the November Senate meeting if there was any current requirement that there be different expectations for undergraduate and graduate students in the same class (400G- and 500-level courses). Assistant Provost for Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness Annie Weber emailed the Chair and explained that the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools – Commission on Colleges (SACS) has a Principle 9.6 requiring “a clear distinction between the requirements” for both types of students. Weber commented to the Chair that UK could not credibly document compliance with that standard without such clear distinctions.

The Chair said she was excited to report that Provost Blackwell had invited her to attend provost council meetings and that she could share information from those meetings with members of SC and Senate.

b. Provost

Provost Blackwell welcomed senators back to campus and said the presentation later in the meeting would comprise his report.

c. Vice Chair

The Chair explained that Vice Chair Osterhage was not in attendance and had no report.

d. Parliamentarian

Parliamentarian (and guest) Douglas Michael had no report.

e. Trustee

Grossman (AS, faculty trustee) shared with senators some slides from a PowerPoint presentation given to members of the Board of Trustees (Board) regarding UK's plans for modernization and new construction. The Chair added that the entire presentation could be accessed through the PDF posted with the trustee report on the day's agenda. Blonder (ME, faculty trustee) described items of interest at the December 2018 Board meeting. Grossman and Blonder responded to questions from senators.

3. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) – Aaron Cramer, Chair

i. [significant change] Proposed Changes to MS Kinesiology and Health Promotion (add 4 concentrations)
Cramer (EN), chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC), explained the proposal. The Chair asked if there were any questions of fact but there were none. The Chair said that the **motion** from the SAPC was that the Senate approve the significant changes to the MS in Kinesiology and Health Promotion, in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion within the College of Education. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 68 in favor and none opposed.

ii. Proposed New Master of Forensic Toxicology and Analytical Genetics

Cramer (EN) explained the proposal. There were no questions of fact. The Chair stated that the **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation that the Senate approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees, the establishment of a new Master of Forensic Toxicology and Analytical Genetics degree, in the

Department of Toxicology and Cancer Biology within the College of Medicine. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 68 in favor and none opposed.

b. Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) – Al Cross, Chair

i. Proposed Reorganization and Accompanying Transfer of Degree Programs within the College of Health Sciences

Cross (CI) explained the proposal. The Chair noted that the first vote taken would pertain to approving based on academic merit. She asked if there were any questions of fact.

Farrell (FA) asserted that the *Senate Rules (SRs)* included a requirement for the Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) to hold an open hearing in cases of closing or transferring a degree program and asked if such an open hearing was held. Cross indicated that he was unaware of that requirement. Guest Karen Badger (HS/Clinical Sciences, associate dean of Undergraduate Education) said that the degrees were all moving to another academic home within the College of Health Sciences. Farrell opined that the proposal was excellent, but he was concerned that not holding an open forum might set a precedent in the future. He suggested that Senate vote to waive that aspect of the *SRs* so that the proposal could continue to move forward.

Farrell **moved** that the Senate waive the open forum requirement in *SR 3.4.2.B.2* for the first motion. Cross **seconded**. The Chair asked if there were questions of fact. There were a few questions and comments. The Chair placed the motion on the floor and called for debate, but there was none. A **vote** was taken via a show of hands and the motion **passed** with a vast majority in favor and one opposed.

The Chair stated that the **motion** on the floor included the waiver of *SR 3.4.2.B.2* and was a recommendation that the Senate approve the proposal, including the transfer of degree programs as part of the reorganization, based on its academic merit. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 66 in favor, one opposed, and three abstained.

Cross (CI) explained the purpose of the second motion, to endorse based on non-academic merits. Farrell **moved** that the Senate waive the open forum requirement in *SR 3.4.2.B.2* for the second motion. Cross **seconded**. The Chair asked if there were questions of fact but there were none. The Chair placed the motion on the floor and called for debate, but there was none. A **vote** was taken via a show of hands and the motion **passed** with a vast majority in favor and one opposed.

There were no questions of fact regarding the motion to endorse. The Chair stated that the **motion** on the floor included the waiver of *SR 3.4.2.B.2* and was a recommendation that the Senate endorse the proposed reorganization of the College of Health Sciences, based on its non-academic merits. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 68 in favor, one opposed, and three abstained.

5. Proposed Lewis Honors College Rules

The Chair invited Lewis Honors College Dean Christian Brady to explain the agenda item. Dean Brady explained that the rules were newly created and were voted on by the appropriate faculty, noting that some Lewis Honors College faculty were present. The Chair added that the Lewis Honors College was a new college on campus and that *Governing Regulations VII.E.2* ("University Organization") required the Senate to approve the Lewis Honors College faculty rules. There were no questions of fact.

The Chair said that the **motion** from SC was a recommendation that the Senate approve the proposed Lewis Honors College rules. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 70 in favor and three abstained.

6. Proposed Change to *Governing Regulations II.B.3* (“Governance of the University of Kentucky,” “Officers”)

The Chair explained that when the SC reviewed the proposed changes, it made three suggestions (below).

- The Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) language referenced in the passage only refers to the Board’s vice chair (164.180) and the SC wondered if there might be a willingness to also add the KRS that refers to the Board chair (164.131).
- The phrase “at-large members” is unclear and should be replaced with a term that is easily defined.
- Specific language should be added to clarify what happens if a vacancy in an officer position occurs prior to December.

The Chair then asked the faculty trustees (Grossman and Blonder) to explain the proposed changes and they did so.

The Chair clarified that *Governing Regulations* are within the purview of the Board and receive two readings by the Board prior to being changed. The Board’s first reading happened already and the second reading is scheduled for the Board’s February meeting. She noted that the Staff Senate and Student Government Association (SGA) were also asked to review and consider endorsing. She asked for questions of fact and Luhan asked a series of questions about the proposed changes.

When there were no further questions of fact, the Chair said that the **motion** from the SC was a recommendation that the Senate endorse the proposed change to *Governing Regulations II.B.3* (“Governance of the University of Kentucky,” “Officers”) and convey the three suggestions to senior leadership. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 67 in favor, one opposed, and three abstained.

7. Proposed Change to *Governing Regulations II.E.2.f.2* (“Governance of the University of Kentucky,” “Investment Committee”)

Faculty trustees Grossman (AS) and Blonder (ME) described the next proposed changes to *Governing Regulations II.E.2.f.2* (“Governance of the University of Kentucky,” “Investment Committee”). There were a few questions from senators.

The Chair stated that the **motion** from the SC was a recommendation that the Senate endorse the proposed change to *Governing Regulations II.B.3* (“Governance of the University of Kentucky,” “Officers”). Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 72 in favor, one opposed, and two abstained.

8. Update on Campus Security – Chief of Police Joe Monroe and Executive Director for Public Relations and Marketing Jay Blanton

Guests Joe Monroe (chief of police) and Jay Blanton (Executive Director for Public Relations and Marketing) offered a presentation to senators that included information about campus security, as well

as UK's response to the bomb threat in November. There were a variety of questions from senators. Noting the time and the remaining presentations, the Chair suggested that senators email the presenters if they had additional questions.

Senators shared their appreciation for the presentation with a round of applause.

9. UK First-Destination Survey (Career Outcomes) – James W. Stuckert Career Center Director Ray Clere and ITS Enterprise Architect Virginia Lacefield

The Chair welcomed Guests Ray Clere (James W. Stuckert Career Center director) and Virginia Lacefield (ITS enterprise architect). Clere and Lacefield shared information about an initiative to better collect career outcome data from graduates and took questions from senators. The Chair suggested that additional questions be emailed directly to the presenters. Senators thanked Clere and Lacefield for their presentation with a round of applause

10. Update on Online Initiative – Provost David Blackwell and Associate Provost for Teaching, Learning, and Academic Innovation Kathi Kern

Provost David Blackwell and Guest Kathi Kern (associate provost for teaching, learning, and academic innovation Kathi Kern) provided senators with an update on the online initiative. There were a number of questions from senators.

Noting the time, the Chair offered her appreciation for those who were able to stay but added that she would ask Kern (and Provost Blackwell) to return in February in case there were additional questions or comments.

The meeting was adjourned by general consensus at 5:20 pm

Absences: Abdel-Latif; Arnett; Atwood; Bailey, A. *; Beck; Bernard; Bieber; Birdwhistell; Brady; Brennen; Brown; Bruckner; Campbell*; Capilouto; Carver; Cassis; Caudill; Cofield; Collett*; Collins; Cox; DiPaola; Farrell; Feist-Price; Frierson; Gent; Giancarlo; Griggs; Guy; Hall; Hampton; Harmon; Harper; Heath; Heileman; Jackson; Johnson; Jones; Kelley; Kim; Kirk; Kornbluh*; Kyrkanides; Lauersdorf*; Lovan; Mardini; Martin; McCormick; Mitchell; Murray; Osterhage; Pauly*; Quinn; Raissi; Richey; Roch; Runyon; Scaggs; Sheather; Vosevich; Ward; Wilcock; Wilson, K.; Wilson, M. *; and Wittkamp.

Invited guests present: Karen Badger, Jay Blanton, Ray Clere, Fan Gao, Kathi Kern, Virginia Lacefield, Carl Mattacola, and Joe Monroe.

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* Denotes an explained absence.