

University Senate
March 18, 2013

The University Senate met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, March 18, 2013 in the Auditorium of W. T. Young Library. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands unless indicated otherwise.

Senate Council Chair Lee X. Blonder called the University Senate (US) meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

The Chair requested unanimous consent to waive *Senate Rule 1.2.3* to allow the Senate to consider the agenda for March 18, 2013 because an item was added after it was sent to senators (Presidential address). There were no objections.

1. President Eli Capilouto, University Senate Chair

President Capilouto thanked senators for the opportunity to speak. He offered news about a variety of matters, many of which were to be presented to the Board of Trustees (Board) the following day.

Each of the three capital projects (renovation/expansion of Gatton Business and Economics Building; new Science and Academic Building; renovations/upgrades to Commonwealth Stadium and Nutter Training Facility) has its own funding model, with a large portion of the total contributed by Athletics. Some of the monies carved out since last year's discussions on the budget will be used in these projects. UK will also look for ways to leverage the dollars to continue the progress in revitalizing campus.

The President intended to propose to the Board that the tuition rate for in-state students go up by three percent and the rate for out-of-state students by six percent, which is in accord with what has been discussed over the past year. Some professional programs will see similar increases. There will be a three percent increase in student fees, although UK's student fees are still some of the lowest in the country.

Housing rates for traditional residence halls will increase by three percent; premium rates will increase by four percent. There will be no increase for the few Greek buildings that UK maintains. The rates for Central I and Central II will enter the market at the same rate as the existing 600 premium beds. Students and faculty have expressed concerns about graduate housing. Further dialogue is needed to find mutually beneficial arrangements for everyone involved.

Going forward, as planned, is the commitment to a five percent merit pool increase; the President is entertaining proposals now, including recommendations from various people. It will go to the Board in June as part of the overall budget plan. The President is committed to making sure they are true raises, so there will be no increase in parking permit fees. UK will cover the increased costs for the UKHMO and UKPPO health insurance plans, which means 88% of employees will not see an increase in those premiums. Faculty and staff enrolled with other insurance plans will see slight increases.

The Kentucky legislature will likely discuss outcomes-based funding in the near future, as it is a very popular proposal in state legislatures around the country; a handful of states already link student success and higher education funding. UK needs to be aware of such initiatives.

There are discussions about massively open online courses (MOOCs) across the country, along with how the California legislature is planning to legislate a requirement to accept credit from a MOOC if there is a waiting list for a similar university-offered course.

The sequestration has affected UK. Adjustments are being made at the hospital to accommodate changes in Medicare and Medicaid payments. UK is figuring out what it means for traditional federal support, such as NIH, NSF, and the Department of Defense. There may also be changes to F&A support. UK will make a commitment to honor all formalized commitments made thus far, but no new commitments will be made until UK understands the ramifications of sequestration. Also, all non-essential administrative costs in research will be frozen.

UK was able to increase the size of the Honors Programs from about 200 students in the Fall 2012 entering class to 450 in Fall 2013; UK received 2,400 applications for next year. The pool included almost 40 National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists and 379 students with a perfect unweighted 4.0 GPA. The President said he was confident that UK is the first choice for the best and brightest in the state.

President Capilouto closed by thanking senators for their dazzling work; he gets emails and visits alumni and donors in all corners of the state and nation, and is regularly touched by what UK does at the macro and micro level. He thanked senators for all their efforts and successes, knowing that there is still much more for everyone to do, together.

The Chair asked if there were any questions for President Capilouto. Butler commented that he hoped the President remembered that graduate education is expensive and always will be; the status of a major research university requires that graduate education be funded.

Swanson asked the President to clarify his comments regarding F&A increases. The President clarified that the changes were intended to refer to what the University receives, not what the colleges receive. He clarified for Osborne that it was a function of total dollars.

Grossman asked the President to talk about graduate housing, especially in terms of going ahead to demolish additional housing. President Capilouto said he and others would do their best in undertaking a building project of this scale to forewarn individuals as much as possible. There is an appeals process and now an opportunity to go back and see about better ways to deal with the issue. Grossman asked if any decisions on demolishing/rebuilding would be changed. The President said every case and situation will be listened to and efforts will be made to look for alternatives in housing. As was pointed out, graduate education is expensive and one reason UK enjoys the financial situation it has, in spite of state cuts is UK's growth in enrollment and hopefully improvements in retention. The new Science and Academic Building and its research space is very much about graduate education. The Chair thanked President Capilouto and he departed.

The Chair reminded senators to:

- Sign in upon arrival;
- Give name and affiliation when speaking;
- Attend meetings;
- Respond to emails and web postings as appropriate;
- Acknowledge and respect others;
- Silence all electronic devices; and

- Communicate with constituencies.

2. Minutes from December February 11, 2013 Announcements

The Chair noted that the minutes from the last meeting were sent out on Tuesday and no corrections were received. Therefore, the Senate minutes from the February 11, 2013 Senate meeting were approved as distributed by unanimous consent.

There were a variety of announcements for senators.

- The new sergeant-at-arms for the Senate is Laura Anschel.
- Two senators were recently added to the Provost's new Academic Science Building Committee: Kim Anderson (EN/Chemical Engineering) and David Atwood (AS/Chemistry).
- There was a clerical error in the Graduate School calendar change announced last month. The change of the last day for candidates for a May degree to sit for a final examination (from April 18 to April 19) is for 2012-2013, not 2013-2014.
- The SC approved a minor calendar change on behalf of the Senate, to remove the May 20th four-week midterm date from the 2012-2013 calendar. (There is no such date in the four-week term.)
- Faculty Trustee John Wilson and the Chair convened a workgroup to discuss a possible opportunity for UK to partner with Coursera. Senior Vice Provost for Academic Planning, Analytics & Technologies Vince Kellen and Interim Provost Tim Tracy led the workgroup. The workgroup members are Justin Bathon (ED), Bob Grossman (AS), Andrew Hippisley (AS) and Sharon Locke (Nursing).
- SC formed an Ad Hoc Committee to examine Graduate Education Funding. The members are: David Berry, chair (AS/Psychology), Mark Coyne (AG/Plant and Soil Science), Brad Fox (AS/Mathematics and member, Graduate Student Congress), Abhijit Patwardhan (EN/Biomedical Engineering), Joe Springer (ME/Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation) and Connie Wood (AS/Statistics). The Chair said that a report on findings will be delivered to the Senate in the future.
- Senate Council (SC) will hold its summer retreat on Thursday, June 13, 2013.
- Two SC members were placed on the Appeals Committee for Graduate and Family Apartment Housing, following SC discussions with Interim Provost Tim Tracy and Associate Vice President for Auxiliary Services Ben Crutcher. They are Liz Debski (AS/Biology) and Dave Watt (ME/Biochemistry). Updates will be forthcoming.
- There will be a faculty trustee election this spring, with voting in April. John Wilson is completing Joe Peek's term, which ends June 30, 2013. The term for the newly elected faculty trustee will be July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016. After the eligibility list is determined there will be a petition round followed by one or two election rounds, depending on the number of candidates.

3. Officer and Other Reports

a. Chair's Report – Lee X. Blonder (five minutes)

There was no Chair's report.

b. Parliamentarian (five minutes)

Parliamentarian J. S. Butler offered senators helpful tips about abstentions and dealing with a motion. Abstentions do not count towards or against a vote and do not alter a two-thirds fraction. It is customary to count abstentions so it is clear that some did not vote, but it is not official. When dealing with a motion, there are several possibilities; the body can deal with it, postpone it or table it (refers to setting it aside temporarily and not working on it). When a motion is postponed, it can be postponed to a particular time or referred to a committee or person.

3. Old Business

a. Proposed Changes to *Governing Regulations II* (Committee Structure)

The Chair explained that the changes were outlined in the handout and agenda and offered background on the revisions. The SC endorsed the changes; the Senate has a role to endorse or not endorse.

The **motion** (positive recommendation) from the SC was that the Senate endorse the proposed changes to *Governing Regulations II* (Committee Structure). There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstaining.

b. Response from Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards on SACSCOC Residency Language - *Senate Rules 5.4.1* ("Residence Requirements")

Finkel, chair of the Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC), offered background about the proposed changes to *Senate Rules*. There was brief discussion. The Chair said that the **motion** (positive recommendation) from the SC was that the Senate approve the proposed changes to *Senate Rules 5.4.1* ("Residence Requirements"). [Underline denotes added text, strikethrough denotes deleted text.]

5.4.1 RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

For an undergraduate degree,

- (1) a least 25% of the ~~credits~~minimum credit hours required for the degree*,
- (2) not less than 30 credit hours, [US: 9/10/12] ** and
- (3) a minimum of thirty (30) of the last thirty-six (36) credits **

presented for the degree must be taken from the University.

* Courses taken elsewhere with credit transfer to UK, courses taken through the UK International Center (except for courses taught by UK faculty), credits achieved by examination, credits earned via CLEP (the College Level Examination Program), and courses taken through the National Student Exchange do not count toward the 25% requirement.

** Courses taken under the Study Abroad and National Exchange Student programs (and for which students pay their tuition to the University of Kentucky) through the UK International Center and through the National Student Exchange are considered as courses taken at UK for purposes of both Rule

5.4.1 (2) and (3)'s residency requirement and for graduates to be conferred commencement honors at the time of award of their degrees under sections A-D of Rule 5.4.2.2. [SREC: 2/14/01 and 5/31/05]

Any request for waiver by veterans of any of the above requirements, or a request or by other students for a waiver of requirement (2) or (3), must be presented for approval to the dean of the student's college. Students who wish to satisfy the above requirement with credit earned through such methods as independent study by correspondence, special examination, CLEP, and other methods which limit the opportunity for active exchange between students and instructors must have the prior approval of their department chair and college dean. At the end of each academic year the dean of each college shall report to the Senate Council, through the University Registrar, the number of waivers granted in the categories of (1), (2) and or (3) above, and for each waiver granted the extent of departure that was approved from the given credit hour requirement in (1), (2) or (3) [US: 9/10/12].

~~* Courses taken under the Study Abroad and National Exchange Student programs (and for which students pay their tuition to the University of Kentucky) are considered as courses taken at UK for purposes of both Rule 5.4.1's residency requirement and for graduates to be conferred commencement honors at the time of award of their degrees under sections A-D of Rule 5.4.2.2. [SREC: 2/14/01 and 5/31/05] [MOVED ABOVE]~~

A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstaining.

4. Committee Reports

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

i. Proposed Change to University Scholars Program (exempt from submitting GRE/GMAT)

Finkel explained the proposed changes to the University Scholars Program, which includes changes to the *Senate Rules*.

4.2.5.4 Combined Bachelor's/Master's or Doctoral Degree Program--University Scholars [US: 12/8/08]

A. Admissions

Applications to the University Scholars' Program will follow current procedures and rules for admission to the Graduate School with the following additions: [US: 4/14/97]

1. The program is open to undergraduates with senior standing who have completed at least 90 hours of course work and should have satisfied all university studies requirements. Application to the program should be at the end of the student's junior year.
2. The master's or doctoral program should be in the field of the undergraduate major.
3. The undergraduate grade point average (UGPA) should be greater than or equal to 3.5 in the student's major and 3.2 overall.
4. Application to the program will follow the current procedures for application to the Graduate School, subject to the above conditions. Admission decisions will be made by the Graduate Dean or his/her appointee. (See Section 5.4.1.6 and 5.4.1.7.) [US: 9/13/82; US: 4/14/97]

5. Applicants are not required to submit GRE (GMAT) scores unless the departmental scholars program to which they are applying has received approval from the Graduate Council to retain the GRE (GMAT) requirement.

The Chair said that the **motion** (positive recommendation) from SC: that the Senate approve the proposed change to University Scholars Program (exempt from submitting GRE/GMAT). There were a few questions from senators. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with two opposed.

ii. Proposed Changes to RN-BSN Admission Requirements

Finkel explained the proposed changes to RN-BSN admission requirements, which includes changes to the *Senate Rules*. The Chair said the **motion** from the SC (positive recommendation) was that the Senate adopt the language proposed by the College of Nursing for the University Bulletin into the *Senate Rules*. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

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

i. Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Power and Energy

Hippisley, chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC), explained the proposal. The Chair said that the **motion** from the SC (positive recommendation) that the Senate approve the proposed new Undergraduate Certificate in Power and Energy, in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, within the College of Engineering. After a couple of questions, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with one opposed.

ii. Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Musical Theatre for Voice Majors

Hippisley explained the proposal. The Chair noted that the **motion** from SC (positive recommendation) was that the Senate approve the proposed new Undergraduate Certificate in Musical Theatre for Voice Majors, in the Department of Theatre, within the College of Fine Arts. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

iii. Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Musical Theatre for Theatre Majors

Hippisley explained the proposal. The Chair noted that the **motion** from SC (positive recommendation) was that the Senate approve the proposed new Undergraduate Certificate in Musical Theatre for Theatre Majors, in the Department of Theatre, within the College of Fine Arts. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

iv. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language

Hippisley explained the proposal. The Chair said the **motion** (positive recommendation) from the SC was that the that the Senate approve the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language, in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages, Literature and Cultures, within the College of Arts and Sciences. There were some questions about how the degree will facilitate future employment, which were answered satisfactorily. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. Update on "Presentation U" - Deanna Sellnow (five minutes)

Guest Deanna Sellnow (CI/Communication and Co-Chair, Quality Enhancement Plan) offered senators a brief update on the Quality Enhancement Plan, "Presentation U – Where You are the Ultimate Presentation."

6. MOOCs, eLearning, Disruption and Higher Education - Chief Information Officer Vince Kellen and Interim Provost Tim Tracy

Senior Vice Provost for Academic Planning, Analytics & Technologies Vince Kellen offered senators a presentation entitled, "MOOCs, eLearning, Disruption and Higher Education." Interim Provost Tim Tracy offered a few comments to senators, emphasizing how UK can use technology to add value in a variety of pedagogical ways for students. There were a variety of questions from senators.

7. Update on State of the Libraries - Libraries Dean Terry Birdwhistell (five to ten minutes)

Dean Terry Birdwhistell offered an update on the current state of UK Libraries. Below are a few of the items of interest.

- He thanked the Senate Library Committee for their work in support of UK Libraries and their ongoing study of open access issues
- There are several initiatives ongoing. (1) Provide access to collections required by faculty and students. (2) UKnowledge- institutional repository. (3) Library instruction and information literacy. (4) Digital access to UK's unique collections. (5) Merger of the University Press of KY with UK Libraries.
- Senior Associate Dean for Collections Mary Beth Thomson reported that the administration restored \$500,000 to the base budget for next year, for a total budget of about \$7.6 million, which is essentially flat. Cost increases range from 5-6% annually, although they are about six to eight percent in science, so UK Libraries will experience reductions in collections. UK owns about 600,000 e-books; GetText@UK service now includes electronic books in addition to electronic journals. There are several new digital collections, including Naxos Jazz, Jefferson Papers, Oxford Bibliographies online, Scientific American Archive, and Vogue Archive.
- Dean Birdwhistell expressed his appreciation for the faculty's support during a very difficult budget year and also thanked Interim Provost Tim Tracy for his support of UK Libraries.

8. Winter Commencement Report - John Herbst, Commencement Committee Chair (five minutes)

Guest Herbst shared information with senators about December commencement. Forty percent of UK degrees are completed in August and December. Attendance at December commencement has increased dramatically since it began three years ago, and the experiment has been judged a success.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 5 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Robert Grossman,
University Senate Secretary

Invited guests present: Francis Bailey, John Herbst, Larry Holloway, Nancy Jones, Vince Kellen, Gina Lowry, Mary Beth Thomson and Deanna Sellnow.

Absences: Adams I., Adams M., Anstead, Appiah, Atwood, Ballard, Berry, Bilas, Bishop, Blackwell, D, Bland, Branham, Brennen, Bruzina, Capilouto, Coyne, Crampton*, de Beer, Deep, Eckman, Feist-Price, Gross, Harrison, Hazard*, Hong-McAtee, Jackson J., Jackson V., Jasper, Kaplan, Karan, Kornbluh,

* Denotes an absence explained prior to the meeting.

Kraemer, Larson*, Latham, Leahy, Lee*, Martin ,A , McCormick, McNamara, Michelman, Mock, Murthy, Noonan, O'Hair, D, O'Hair, MJ, Plamp, Prats, Richey, Rieske-Kinney, Sexton, Smith, Speaks, Stanley*, Stewart, Stombaugh, Thyne, Tick, Tracy, J, Tracy, T, Turner, Underwood, Valentin, Voro, Walker, Walz, Wasilkowski, Wiseman, Witt, and Wyatt.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Friday, March 29, 2013.