

University Senate
November 12, 2018

The University Senate met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, November 12, 2018 in the Athletics Association Auditorium of W. T. Young Library. 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 3:01 pm. She thanked senators for attending and reminded them to sign in and pick up their voting clickers. She asked senators actively participate and be civil, etc. She noted that Senate follows Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised). She ended with a friendly reminder for senators to leave their voting devices prior to departure. The Chair called for an attendance vote and 52 senators registered their presence.

The Chair noted that *Senate Rules 1.2.3* ("Meetings") requires that minutes, agenda, and supporting documentation be sent to senators six days in advance, but not all supporting documentation was available on Tuesday. She explained that due to an administrative error, the proposed new BA in African American and Africana Studies was not included on the day's agenda. She offered her apologies to the proposal's contact person. Due to the omission, Senate needed to move to waive *SR 1.2.3* to allow the Senate to consider the agenda, etc. because not all supporting documentation was sent out six days in advance.

Grossman (AS) **moved** to waive *SR 1.2.3* and Cramer (EN) **seconded**. A vote was taken and the motion passed with 62 in favor and none opposed.

1. Minutes from October 8, 2018 and Announcements

The Chair reported that some clerical edits to the minutes had been received. There being **no objections**, the minutes from October 8, 2018 were **approved** as amended by **unanimous consent**. The Chair offered a series of announcements to senators.

The Chair offered her thanks to Vice Chair Osterhage (AS), who chaired the SC meeting on October 13. She noted that President Eli Capilouto will attend the Senate meeting in December. He was unable to attend in November, but is looking forward to the opportunity to speak with senators and having an open question and answer session.

At the request of the chair of the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC), Herman Farrell (FA/Theatre and Dance), Provost's Liaison Turner will begin providing "on call" reference information for the SAASC.

Two members of Senate are serving as representatives on two *Our Path Forward* implementation teams. The committee responsible for online offerings is chaired by Kathi Kern (AS/History, associate provost for teaching, learning, and academic innovation) and the Senate's representative is Roger Brown (AG), chair of the Senate Committee on Distance Learning and eLearning (SCDLLeL). Dean Mark Kornbluh from the College of Arts and Sciences is chairing the committee on summer courses and non-degree seeking students; the Senate's representative for this committee is Herman Farrell (FA), chair of Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC)).

Related to the ongoing activity surrounding distance learning and online programs, the Chair said that the Senate needed to think broadly about these issues and she had therefore asked Brown, Osterhage (chair of the Senate's Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (SAPPC)), and Farrell to meet with her to begin conversations about new educational policy regarding online education at UK.

President Capilouto and the SC have been working together to charge and compose a joint advisory work group on *Administrative Regulations 6:2* (“Policy and Procedures for Addressing and Resolving Allegations of Sexual Assault, Stalking, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, and Sexual Exploitation”). Both the President and SC are interested in having ongoing campus conversations on *AR 6:2* and related matters. Specifically, the work group will be: charged with gathering campus feedback related to policies on sexual assault and sexual harassment; responsible for researching national standards, practices, and federal requirements, as well as organizing campus forums; required to report its findings as applicable, but at least annually and upon request; and expected to last for one year, but can be extended by joint agreement of SC and President. Regarding the composition, the Student Government Association (SGA) will nominate seven full-time students, the Staff Senate will nominate seven full-time staff, and SC will nominates seven full-time faculty. The SC Chair and President will jointly identify 10 members from these 21 nominees. At least half the membership must be faculty, including at least three faculty nominated by SC, must include at least one staff and one student, and be chaired by one of the faculty members. A couple of nominations were still not in, but the Chair indicated that the group would be composed soon.

The campus online degree initiative, stemming from *Our Path Forward*, is ongoing. The chair thanked Ms. Brothers for creating a web page to help proposers understand processes, requirements, deadlines, etc. for proposals. The SC office expects proposals to fall into one of five categories. The Chair asked senators to please share the information with their colleagues and to provide feedback on the site.

Turning to other deadlines, the Chair reminded senators about spring deadlines to comply with in order to have a fall 2019 effective date. The Chair noted that she was providing another reminder about the 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.

2. Officer and Other Reports

a. Chair

The Chair reported that the SC had approved two rule waivers since the last Senate meeting. At the SC meeting on Monday, November 5, a question arose as to whether changes to progression in a PhD program, aside from changes to the basic structure of two years pre-qualifying and one year post-qualifying, needed Senate approval. This caused a lot of discussion and ultimately, the SC opted to process two program changes in a manner different from other program changes, resulting in two rule waivers. The first rule waiver pertained to proposed changes to the PhD Gerontology (total required credits). SC moved to waive the specific requirements in *SR 3.2.3.D.2* (“Minor Program Change”) so the proposal would not go to Senate for approval, but rather would be approved via the ‘minor program change’ process. The second rule waiver pertained to proposed changes to the PhD Chemistry (qualifying exam requirements). Again, SC moved to waive the specific requirements in *SR 3.2.3.D.2*

("Minor Program Change") so the proposal would not go to Senate for approval, but rather would be approved via the "minor program change" process.

The Chair was invited to present the results of the faculty's evaluation of President Capilouto to the Board of Trustees' Executive Committee, during their retreat on October 19. The Chair subsequently presented the results to the SC. She noted that the custom was not to publish the results of the survey until after the Board has finished with its evaluation, which will occur at the December Board meeting. The Chair said that the results of the evaluation would be posted online shortly after that meeting.

There have been some conversations around campus regarding UK graduate credit and transferability to another graduate degree program. The Chair said that she knew the GC had been working on these issues and she said she expected to receive a proposal soon from GC to clarify the Graduate School's policies and practices and make some things more explicit.

The SC deliberated on and submitted nominees for the Confucius Institute External Review Committee.

The Chair noted that the Senate has three academic councils – the Undergraduate Council, Graduate Council, and Health Care Colleges Council, which review curricular proposals after the proposals leave the college. She said that historically there had not been a lot of collaboration across councils, or at least no documentation of such. She said she was working with council chairs to create standard operating procedures and develop best practices to share with all councils. The intent was to provide mechanisms for councils to provide more uniform proposals for post-council reviews.

There are three active dean searches on campus. The Chair showed senators the compositions of each search committee (Communication and Information, Education, and Libraries) and added that the information would be posted online soon on the Provost's site.

The Chair commented that senators who were members the previous year might remember conversations about professional master's degrees. She said that an FAQ on professional master's degrees had been assembled and posted online, based in part on recommendations from the proposal. The Chair explained that the FAQ included information about how professional master's degrees differed from research/scholarship master's degrees. The FAQ is located on the Senate's "Forms" page, under "Graduate Offerings." (<https://www.uky.edu/universitysenate/professional-masters-degree-faq>) The Chair offered special thanks to Jones, D. (ME), and his department, for the push to think about these issues, noting that his department was proposing one of the first professional master's degrees.

The Chair reported that Provost David Blackwell was absent, due to attending the annual meeting of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU).

The Chair asked Brown, R. (AG, chair of the Elections Subcommittee of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC)) to give senators an update on elections for SC members and elections for SC officers. Brown, R. explained that elections occurred regularly in the fall and in the spring, in which elected faculty senators and other faculty are asked to participate through nominating and/or voting. The two SC-related elections are held in the fall. Regarding the election of the chair, Brown asked all those nominated if they were willing and able to serve and all respectfully declined except for Bird-Pollan. Therefore, Bird-Pollan became the chair-elect [for a term of June 1, 2019 – May 31, 2020]. Senators greeted the news with a round of applause.

Brown, R. (AG) moved to election of SC members. He explained that earlier in the afternoon he sent an email to all those eligible to nominate, which included a list of all those eligible to be nominated to serve as an SC member. All nominations should be emailed in and after receipt, nominees would be contacted about being willing and able to serve. Those who were willing will comprise the list of nominees for subsequent voting stages. The election for SC members will conclude prior to the end of the fall semester. Brown, R. urged elected faculty senators to consider serving if nominated, saying that service on the SC is an important role. Elected faculty senators can nominate themselves and others.

After questions from Grossman, Brown, R. confirmed that any current elected faculty senator was eligible to serve on the SC, regardless of how much time remained in their Senate term. Once a senator is elected to SC, the individual remains a member of Senate for the duration of their SC term. Jones, D. (ME), chair of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC), noted that there was a special clause in the SRs that specifically states that SC members whose Senate terms have ended remain members of Senate by virtue of their SC membership. The Chair noted that such individuals are not counted in the college apportionment process that occurs in the spring for college elections for senators.

The Chair said she would enjoy seeing many potential candidates for SC. She said that she or any current SC member would be happy to talk to any senator interested in serving on SC, to discuss workload, etc. She said that there were also ways to ask a department chair or dean about recognizing the workload associated with service on the SC. She said that service on the SC included an important set of responsibilities and the service is made better when lots of individuals are engaged and interested. She said that she spoke with Brown, R. when she considered serving on SC and she said his input was very helpful. The Chair reminded senators that the next SC chair will come from the pool of current SC members and those who are elected within the next month or so. The Chair said she would be happy to talk with any senators interested in serving on the SC or as SC chair.

b. Vice Chair

Vice Chair Osterhage (AS) said that she had nothing to report.

c. Parliamentarian

Parliamentarian Douglas Michael (LA) said that he had nothing to report.

d. Trustee

Trustees Blonder and Grossman offered senators an update on the recent retreat for Board of Trustees members. Blonder explained that the first day of the retreat focused on the opioid epidemic and considered the issue from many angles. She said that the Executive Committee meeting when the Chair presented the survey results occurred on Friday, the second day of the retreat. She noted that the Board meeting was fairly short and shared some of the agenda items. Blonder said that a partnership for cancer care was planned, involving the Markey Cancer Center, UK Healthcare, and the Lexington Clinic. She said that if any faculty had feedback or concerns they could share them with her or with Grossman, noting that Grossman was a member of the Board's Health Care Committee. Grossman added that his takeaway was that the opioid epidemic was frightening, especially if you have children, but that was also hope – a lot of people are working on treatments, etc.

3. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) – Herman Farrell, Chair

i. Proposed Change to BS Digital Media and Design

Farrell (FA), chair of the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC), explained the proposal. The Chair solicited questions of fact from senators but there were none.

The Chair stated that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation from the SAASC that the Senate approve the proposal from the College of Fine Arts, School of Art and Visual Studies, BS Digital Media and Design program involving a name change, a change to a GCCR course, change to total credit hours, a change to the outside concentration requirement and the addition of entrance requirements. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair asked if there was any debate and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 68 in favor and one abstained.

ii. Proposed Change to Senate Rules 5.4.1.1 ("Application for Degrees")

Farrell explained the proposal. The Chair asked if there were questions of fact regarding the proposal and there were none.

The Chair stated that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation to approve the proposal from the Registrar's Office to change the deadlines for applying for undergraduate degrees by updating *Senate Rule 5.4.1.1.A*. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair asked if there was any debate.

Debski (AS) asked if the new process would be more cumbersome, with the SC having to approve each date. Wood (AS) answered by saying she asked the same question at SC and was told that the exact date for the application would be approved via inclusion of those dates in the University calendar. Guest Kim Taylor, registrar, concurred. Grossman **moved** to amend the motion by changing "Upon Senate Council approval..." To "Upon Senate approval..." Jones **seconded**. There were no questions of fact and no debate. The Chair called for a **vote** on the amendment via show of hands and the motion to amend **passed** with a vast majority in favor, none opposed, and none abstained.

The Chair asked for debate on the amended motion and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the amended motion **passed** with none opposed.

iii. Proposed Change to Senate Rules 4.2.5 ("Graduate School")

Farrell explained the proposal. The Chair asked if there were any questions of fact. There were a variety of questions from senators. After questions wound down, the Chair then stated that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the Senate approve the proposed changes to *Senate Rules 4.2.5* ("Graduate School"). Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate on the motion. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 67 in favor and none opposed.

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

i. Proposed New USP between the BSChE Chemical Engineering and PhD Chemical Engineering

Cramer (EN), chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC), explained the proposal. The Chair asked if there were any questions of fact and there was one.

The Chair stated that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the Senate approve the establishment of a new University Scholars Program between the BS Chemical Engineering and PhD Chemical Engineering, in the Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering within the College of Engineering. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair asked for debate and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 62 in favor and four abstained.

ii. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Executive Educational Leadership

Cramer explained the proposal. The Chair asked if there were any questions of fact and there were none. The Chair said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the Senate approve the establishment of a new Graduate Certificate in Executive Educational Leadership, in the Department of Educational Leadership Studies 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 63 in favor, one opposed, and two abstained.

iii. Proposed New BA in African American and Africana Studies

Cramer (EN) explained the proposal. The Chair asked if there were any questions of fact and there was one. The Chair said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the Senate approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees, the establishment of a new BA degree in African American and Africana Studies, in the College of Arts and Sciences. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. College of Arts and Sciences Dean Kornbluh opined that the degree was long overdue and spoke in favor of the proposal. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 65 in favor and none opposed.

5. Ombud's Report for 2017-18 – Ombud Joe McGillis

Ombud Joe McGillis (ME/Microbiology, Immunology & Molecular Genetics) provided senators with an update on the office's activities in 2017-18. At the Chair's request, McGillis responded to a wide variety of questions from senators; Laura Anshel, academic ombud coordinator and Senate's sergeant-at-arms, also assisted in answering questions. When there were no further questions, senators expressed their appreciation for the efforts of the Ombud's office with a round of applause.

6. Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)

The Chair asked if there were any items from the floor. Grossman (AS, faculty trustee) recalled a comment from earlier in the meeting regarding the need for instructors to treat undergraduate students differently if they were in the same class as graduate students. He said that the *SR* requiring that was approved by Senate about 15 or 20 years prior and had been added primarily because of a requirement promulgated by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Grossman asked if there was still a requirement to treat undergraduate students differently from graduate students if they were in the same class. The Chair said that she would check into the matter and let the Senate know the outcome.

The Chair solicited a motion to adjourn. Wood **moved** to adjourn and **Grossman** seconded. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 52 in favor and one abstained.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Osterhage,
University Senate Secretary

Absences: Abdel-Latif; Agouridis; Arnett; Atwood; Bailey, P.; Bernard; Birdwhistell; Blackwell; Brady; Brennen; Brion; Brown, R. *; Bruckner; Bucheit*; Capilouto; Cassis; Caudill; Cofield; Collins; Cox; DiPaola; Ederington; English*; Epps; Feist-Price; Frierson; Gent; Giancarlo; Griggs; Guy; Hampton; Harley;

* Denotes an explained absence.

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Harmon; Harper; Heileman; Huang; Hunt; Jackson; Kearney; Kerns; Kim; Kirk; Kyrkanides; Lane; Lauersdorf*; Lephart; Lovan; Luhan*; Mardini; Mark; Martin; McCormick; Mitchell; Mudd*; Murray; Musoni*; Obute; Pakath; Quinn; Raissi; Richey; Roch; Runyon; Sandidge*; Scaggs; Shanda; Sheather*; Swanson*; Tagavi*; Vernon; Vosevich; Wasilkowski*; Webb *; Wilcock*; Wilson; Wittkamp*; and Wood.

Invited guests present: Tim Barnes, Justin Bathon, Anastasia Curwood, Robert Dickes, Douglas Michael, and Kim Taylor.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Wednesday, November 28, 2018.