

University Senate
November 13, 2017

The University Senate met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, November 13, 2017 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 Katherine McCormick (ED) called the University Senate (Senate) meeting to order at 3:00 pm. She reminded senators that Senate meetings are conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised). She urged senators to be civil during conversations and be good University community citizens by participating and representing their colleges.

The Chair called for an attendance vote and 58 senators registered their presence.

1. Minutes from October 9, 2017 and October 30, 2017 and Announcements

The Chair reported that no changes had been received for the minutes from October 9. There being **no objections**, the minutes from October 9, 2017 were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**. The Chair then stated that there were also no requested changes for the minutes from the special Senate meeting on October 30. There being **no objections**, the minutes from October 30, 2017 were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair urged senators to plan ahead and remember that some curricular proposals had a lengthy timeline, particularly new degree program proposals. The spring semester deadlines for receipt of curricular items in Senate Council office are: February 5, 2018 for proposals requiring committee review (new degree programs, changes to org structure, new departments, etc.); and April 15, 2018 for courses, program changes, and minors. She referred senators to the calendar with dates and contact information for resource individuals, available on the Senate's "Forms" webpage.

The Chair reminded senators of the annual "Connect Blue Reception," hosted by the University Senate and Staff Senate. The 2017 Connect Blue Reception will take place on Tuesday, December 12, on the 18th floor of Patterson Office Tower, in the mid-afternoon. She asked senators to attend and use this opportunity to talk with members of UK's Board of Trustees. The invitation will be emailed in late November or early December.

Kentucky's Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL) sent forward the names of three faculty members as nominees for Kentucky's faculty representative to the Council on Postsecondary Education: Paula Kopacz (Eastern Kentucky University); Margaret Schroeder (UK); and Bob Staat (University of Louisville). She explained that Staat is the CPE's current faculty representative (began July 2013) and although his term ended at the end of June 2017, he would remain in place until the Governor appoints a replacement.

2. Officer and Other Reports

a. Chair

The Chair said that work continued on efforts to re-envision UK's title series structure. As a reminder, she said that the Ad Hoc Committee on Title Series was charged to determine the feasibility of: (1) changing to a system with two title series (tenure track and non-tenure track), with ranks in both series at instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, and full professor.; and (2) inclusion of multi-year contracts for faculty in the non-tenure track series. The ad hoc Committee was comprised of the members of the Senate's Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure and the chairs of academic area

advisory committees. The SC discussed the Committee's preliminary draft on October 2 and the next step is gather campus feedback. The Chair referred senators to her email of November 9 (mid-afternoon) or the November 13 UKNow article for details, including the dates for the town halls (November 16, 3:30 – 4:30 pm, Lexmark Public Room (Main Building) and November 17, 1:00 – 2:00 pm, W. T. Young Library Athletics Association Auditorium), a URL to access the Committee report, the method for sending in a comment, and live streaming information for the November 17 date.

The Chair referred senators to the email from President Eli Capilouto earlier in the day with information about the Provost Search Committee. She noted that UK currently has four interim deans (Engineering, Graduate School, Libraries, and Social Work) and two additional deans are stepping down at the end of the academic year (Education and Communication and Information). The Chair listed the Search Committee's membership onscreen and noted that many of the individuals had served on the 2015 Provost Search Committee. She said the President sent out an email on Thursday, November 9, in which he stated that due to multiple variables, he thought an internal search was the most logical next step. The job description would be posted November 13 and will be open for seven days. The Search Committee will start its work on November 20 and will identify one to three internal candidates. The candidates will meet with campus stakeholders and finalists will be on campus for open forums and campus conversations on December 7 and December 8.

The Chair noted that the Blue-Ribbon Committee on Graduate Education was continuing to move forward. Its responsibilities included graduate education as a whole, not just the Graduate School. The Chair noted that in the past there had been multiple reports on graduate education and the Graduate School and she hoped that the Blue-Ribbon Committee's work would be well received. She said that the Blue-Ribbon Committee's co-chairs (Brett Spear (ME) Carl Mattacola (HS)) will present their report to Provost Tracy in December and UK's next provost will present the report to SC and Senate in early 2018.

b. Vice Chair

Bailey (AG) did not have a report.

c. Parliamentarian

Cross (CI) did not have a report.

d. Trustee

Grossman (AS) reported that the "Ride Home Express," which is a bus ride offered to help students get home for the Thanksgiving holiday easily and cheaply, had changed the time it left the campus area. The change in departure time from 3 pm on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving to leaving at 9 am on Wednesday morning. Because there were only four students who signed up to take the bus leaving at 9 am on Wednesday, the Wednesday bus was no longer continued a viable option. Grossman said he mentioned the issue because Parking and Transportation had made a good-faith effort to adjust the departure time in response to academic concerns, but one of the departure times would return to Tuesday afternoon.

Blonder (ME) gave senators an overview of the Board of Trustees October retreat, noting that President Capilouto had shared with Senate much of what transpired during the retreat. Blonder said that Vice President for Facilities Management Mary Vosevich reported that there would be some renovations to the campus core, including some work on the Chemistry-Physics Building and the Grehan Building.

3. Degree Recipients

a. Honorary Degree(s)

Guest Morris Grubbs, the Graduate School's assistant dean for graduate student professional development, gave senators a presentation relating to the three nominees put forward by the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees (UJCHD) for honorary degrees. The Chair reminded senators and guests that the names of honorary degree nominees were embargoed and should not be disseminated or shared until the Board of Trustees has voted to approve the nominees.

The first **motion** was that the elected faculty senators approve DAH as the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 70 in favor, one opposed, and two abstained

The second **motion** from the UJCHD was that the elected faculty senators approve SLH as the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Arts, for submission through the President to the Board. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 74 in favor.

The third **motion** from the UJCHD was that the elected faculty senators approve GTM as the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Science, for submission through the President to the Board. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 65 in favor, one opposed, and three abstained.

b. Request for Waiver of Senate Rules 5.4.2.3.C.1 ("Circumstances for Award of Honorary Degrees")

Grubbs explained that the UJCHD requested a waiver of *Senate Rules 5.4.2.3.C.1* ("Circumstances for Award of Honorary Degrees"). The rule allows for the awarding of up to five honorary degrees in any one academic year, with a maximum of four at any one commencement ceremony. The UJCHD identified an additional candidate for an honorary degree, who could receive the degree at the December 2018 Commencement ceremony, but the UJCHD wondered if certain circumstances (namely that there were no honorary degree awardees at the May 2017 Commencement ceremony) might warrant granting a sixth honorary degree in the 2017-18 academic year. [The UJCHD had already named, and SC and Senate approved on April 24, 2017 and May 1, 2017, respectively, two candidates to receive honorary degrees in December 2017. Including the three nominees approved during the previous agenda item, there were five total honorary degree nominees for the 2017-18 academic year.] An additional rationale for the waiver was giving the nominee some flexibility with regards to travel schedules.

In response to a question from Blonder (ME), Grubbs explained that there were currently two awardees approved for December 2017 and three awardees approved for May 2018.

The **motion** from the SC was that the Senate waive *SR 5.4.2.3.C.1* ("Circumstances for Award of Honorary Degrees"). Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 60 in favor, 11 opposed, and three abstained.

c. Honorary Degree [Pending Approval of SR Waiver]

Grubbs presented the additional nominee for an honorary degree. The Chair explained that the UJCHD recommended an Honorary Doctor of "Humane Letters," but SC members preferred an Honorary Doctor

of "Arts." Grubbs, who presented the nominees to the SC, thought that this change would be acceptable to the UJCHD, but time constraints made it difficult to reconvene UJCHD prior to the Senate meeting. Therefore, and in compliance with *SR 5.4.2.3.B.3*, which gives elected faculty senators authority to modify UJCHD-proposed degree titles, the SC opted to move its own motion with a different degree title. The Chair said that the **motion** from SC was that the elected faculty senators approve TTH as the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Arts, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 63 in favor, six opposed, and four abstained.

4. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) – Ernie Bailey, Chair.

i. Proposed Transfer of Undergraduate Certificate in Global Studies from Undergraduate Education to the College of Arts and Sciences

Bailey, chair of the Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC), explained the proposal. He said that the SAOSC supported endorsing the proposal. Sandmeyer (AS) asked for clarification between the Undergraduate Certificate in Global Studies and the undergraduate program in International Studies. Guest Ruth Beattie (AS/Biology, associate dean for advising), explained that International Studies was an interdisciplinary bachelor's degree program, while Global Studies was a certificate and thus a smaller program of study. Visona (FA), a former director of the Undergraduate Certificate in Global Studies, added that the Certificate was also used to recognize a student's study abroad activities and their participation in co-curricular activities relating to global studies.

The **motion** from the SAOSC was that the Senate approve the proposed transfer of the Undergraduate Certificate in Global Studies from Undergraduate Education to the College of Arts and Sciences. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 73 in favor, one opposed, and one abstained.

The Chair noted that one of the agenda items was not included in the PowerPoint presentation and asked that senators vote on that item via a show of hands.

3. Degree Recipients

d. Late Additions to December 2015 Degree List (per *Senate Rules 5.4.1.1.D.1-2*)

i. Graduate School Student HR-21

Guest Cleo Price, assistant dean for graduate academic services, explained that the student submitted the appropriate paperwork for the MA in Anthropology. Because the process was entirely manual, however, a paperwork error prevented the degree application from being filed properly. The **motion** from the SC was that the elected faculty senators amend the December 2015 degree list adopted at the December 14, 2015 Senate meeting by adding the MA in Anthropology for student HR-21 and recommend through the President to the Board of Trustees that the degree be awarded effective December 2015. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. In response to a question from Mazur, Price clarified that the student had not yet completed their PhD work. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

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

i. Proposed Changes to BS Kinesiology (Non-Teacher Certification in Exercise Science)

Farrell, chair of the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC), explained the proposal. He stated that the **motion** from the SAASC was that the Senate approve the proposed changes

to the BS in Kinesiology (non-teacher certification in Exercise Science). Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There were no questions from senators.

A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 74 in favor and three opposed.

Farrell said that he would explain the changes to both Sociology proposals, but then ask senators to vote on the proposals individually. After his description of both changes, there were no questions from senators.

iii. Proposed Change to MA Sociology

The **motion** from the SAASC was that the Senate approve the proposed changes to the MA in Sociology. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 75 in favor and two opposed.

ii. Proposed Changes to PhD Sociology

The **motion** from the SAASC was that the Senate approve the proposed changes to the PhD in Sociology. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 74 in favor and two opposed.

c. Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) – Joan Mazur and Davy Jones, Co-Chairs

i. Proposed Changes to *Senate Rules 5.4.5.A* ("Diplomas")

Mazur, one of the co-chairs for the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC), explained the proposal. There were no questions from senators. The **motion** from the SREC was that the Senate approve the proposed changes to *SR 5.4.5.A*. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 74 in favor and one opposed.

ii. Proposed Changes to *Senate Rules Regarding Changes in Provost's Area*

Mazur explained the proposed changes to the *Senate Rules* related to changes in the Provost's area. Visona (FA) asked if there were sufficient resources available for those individuals who would be newly taking on responsibilities that had been taken care of by another entity in the past. The Chair confirmed that such resources would be available.

The **motion** from the SREC was that the Senate approve the proposed changes to the *Senate Rules* and recommend to the Board of Trustees that corresponding changes to *Governing Regulations IV* ("The University Senate") be made regarding voting rights of ex officio members. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 73 in favor, one opposed, and one abstained.

d. Senate's Admissions Advisory Committee (SACAC) – Kim Woodrum, Chair

i. 2016-17 Annual Report

Woodrum, chair of the Senate's Academic Advising Committee (SACAC), presented the SACAC's annual report for 2016-17 to senators.

5. Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)

Seeing that there was time remaining in the meeting, the Chair invited senators to offer comments or thoughts about matters of importance to the Senate. Firey (AS) **moved** that the SC charge an appropriate committee to investigate the feasibility of instituting a fall break in the University's academic calendar. The Chair noted that she had recently engaged in conversations about that subject

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with appropriate administrators, who had been supportive of the idea. Marr (PH student) explained that it has been discussed at the Student Government Association (SGA) and the idea was relatively well received. Thoughts have been centered on starting classes during the fall semester on Monday instead of Wednesday and using the two extra instructional days at the beginning of the semester to offset the addition of two days during the semester for a fall break. Marr clarified that no final decision had been made but an SGA proposal would likely be forthcoming. Whitaker **seconded**. There were a handful of questions from senators. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** via a show of hands with a vast majority in favor and none opposed.

Harley (ED) **moved** that the Senate institute a form of a “dead week” for faculty during finals week. She explained that faculty somehow have a lot of meetings scheduled for finals weeks when there is a need to spend time on grading and other curricular matters. Noland (ED) **seconded**. There were a handful of comments from senators, some raising concerns that “finals week” is not the time period for all colleges. Cross (CI) suggested that the issue should be referred to a SC-appointed ad hoc committee for review. Harley and Noland **accepted** that suggestion as a friendly amendment. A **vote** was taken on the motion that SC charge an ad hoc committee to look into considering a “dead week” for faculty during finals week. A **vote** was taken via a show of hands and the motion **failed** with 13 in favor and a vast majority opposed.

Wood **moved** to adjourn. Bailey **seconded**. No formal vote was taken because senators were too busy leaving. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ernie Bailey,
University Senate Secretary

Invited guests present:

Absences: Agbali; Arnett; Atwood; Bailey, P.; Bailey, C.; Birdwhistell; Blackwell; Brennen; Brion; Capilouto; Cassis; Caudill; Cheng; Childress; Cofield; Collins; Couti; Cox; Danner; DiPaola; Dobson*; D’Orazio*; Duncan*; Dziubla; Ederington; Escobar; Feist-Price; Fields*; Firey; Gent; Giancarlo; Griffin; Gunasena; Guy; Hall*; Harris; Holloway; Hopkins; Iocono; Jackson; Jones, D.; Kearney; Kerns; Knutson; Kornbluh; Kyrkanides; Lauersdorf*; Lovan; Mardini; Martin*; McClure; McCormick; Mudd*; Munson*; Murray; O’Neil; Pelosa; Raissi; Richey; Riddell; Rohr; Scaggs; Sheff; Tracy*; Vernon; Vines; Vosevich; White*; Wilson, K.; Witt; Woods; Zadeh; and Zhang.

* Denotes an explained absence.