

The University Senate met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, October 14, 2019 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 (LA) called the University Senate (Senate) meeting to order at 3:03 pm. She welcomed senators and reminded them that Senate follows Robert's Rules of Order. She reminded senators to pick up their voting clickers and sign in. She also asked everyone to participate in the meetings and share information with colleagues in their home units. She ended with a friendly reminder for senators to return their voting devices to the back of the room prior to departure.

The Chair called for an attendance vote and 69 senators registered their presence.

1. Minutes from September 9, 2019 and Announcements

The Chair reported that only clerical edits to the minutes had been received. There being **no objections**, the minutes from September 9, 2019 were **approved** as amended by **unanimous consent**. The Chair offered a series of announcements to senators.

Noting that her term as Chair would end at the end of May, the Chair explained that SC members are the ones eligible to serve as Chair. She said she would be happy to share her experiences as Chair with anyone who was interested in running for Senate Council, or, ultimately, the position as Chair.

The Chair announced that Roger Brown (AG) sent an email to the Senate about nominating individuals to serve on Senate Council (SC). Senators have until noon on October 18, 2019 to submit nominations. Three SC members will be elected to replace the three that are rolling off in December 2019. The Chair encouraged senators to reach out if they have questions and to share their views with each other. She thanked Brown and his team for organizing the elections.

The Chair announced that the Jim Beam Institute groundbreaking was in mid-September and coincided with a gift announcement. The proposal for a multidisciplinary research institute (MDRC) is expected soon.

The Chair thanked Bill Smith (EN) for chairing the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) this year. The SAASC is also reviewing policies left over from last year that the committee didn't have time to review during the 2018-2019 school year.

The Chair announced that Assistant Provost for Strategic Planning & Institutional Effectiveness Annie Davis Weber came to SC on October 7, 2019 to discuss Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Academic Standard 10.4, which addresses academic governance and the role of faculty in curriculum. Weber will come back to SC with additional standards to discuss with them over the next year in preparation for the upcoming ten-year accreditation reaffirmation in 2022.

The Chair announced that she continues to attend colleges' faculty council meetings. Contact Ms. Woolery if you would like the Chair to attend your college's council meeting.

The Chair reminded senators of 2019-2020 curricular deadlines. For those seeking a fall 2020 effective date, curricular proposals must be reviewed by the appropriate academic council(s) (GC, HCCC, UC) and received by the SC office by: February 3, 2020 for new degree program proposals; March 16, 2020 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 13, 2020 for courses, all other program changes, and minors. The Chair encouraged senators to share the deadlines with their colleges.

The Chair announced that the Outstanding Staff Awards will be held on October 15, 2019 at Kroger Field. Ms. Brothers of the SC Office is one of only five finalists of the Faculty Nominated Outstanding Staff Award. The senators gave a round of applause in response.

2. Officer and Other Reports

a. Chair

The Chair reported that SC acted on behalf of the Senate on September 16, 2019 to approve a change to the academic calendar that was requested by University Registrar Kim Taylor. The change shortened the period during which students cannot change majors in fall 2019 and spring 2020.

The Chair reported that the SC has been discussing whether to change *Senate Rules 1.2.2* ("Functions of the University Senate," "Composition") to allow faculty on phased retirement to serve as senators. SC is interested in the opinions of faculty about this possibility and will be sending senators a survey to solicit input. Senators were asked to first consult with colleagues and keep in mind the opinions of their constituents when filling the survey out. The SC will review survey responses and determine next steps. In response to a question from Brown, A. (AS), the Chair clarified that if there was a desire to change the SR, it would require a vote of the full Senate.

The Chair reported that she and Katherine McCormick had identified about 50 faculty, some of whom are senators, to participate in the Board of Trustees' annual October retreat for roundtable discussion on issues in higher education.

The Chair reported that SC sent forward three names of faculty to participate in the Board of Trustees' evaluation process of President Capilouto.

The Chair reported that the Senate Council frequently receives requests for senators/faculty to serve on campus wide committees. In the past, SC usually identified nominees and discussed which ones to send forward. In order to diversify the nominees considered, the Chair will send emails to request nominees from senators. The SC will then review nominees sent by senators and identify the specific individuals to send forward as SC's selections.

The Chair reported that SC and Staff Senate's Executive Committee have been invited to meet with the President of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE), Aaron Thompson in mid-November as part of his listening tour of universities around the state.

b. Provost

Provost David Blackwell thanked senators for their time and service to the University. He highlighted the importance of faculty having a strong voice in shared governance. He noted that he has been preparing for the Board of Trustees' retreat, where they will begin work on the next strategic plan for the University. He explained that part of his role is to report the progress of the current strategic plan to them. While he prepared for that meeting and the Senate meeting, he noted the accomplishments of the University under the strategic plan that include: new programs, growing research expenditures, growing enrollment and student success, record high graduation and retention rates, and record high

metrics for underrepresented minority (URM) students. He noted that much of this success is attributed to the work of faculty and staff and the University Senate, which helps the University get done what needs to be done to progress.

The Provost noted the unprecedented pressures of our biggest freshman class and record retention rates. The University is trying to stay ahead of and address the bottlenecks and pinch points. He noted that relocating courses previously housed in Memorial Hall is a meaningful step forward for the University's students. He praised the colleges' collaborations and staffs' hard work to solve the logistical challenge of finding spaces large enough to accommodate these relocated courses beginning in spring 2020. The Provost also noted that the need for counseling services and disability resources has grown faster than the rate of growth of the freshman class. He encouraged everyone to report students who are having issues and to help them find the appropriate resources.

The Provost addressed recent issues relating to conflict of interest, conflict of commitment, and outside employment of faculty. He noted that the federal government is looking more closely at issues of intellectual property misappropriation from universities getting federal research funding. The University is trying to protect faculty's academic freedom through prudent risk management.

The Provost described in detail the research misconduct case that arose at the University over the summer. He explained how the investigation took place and the results that came about from it. The Provost then introduced Vice President for Research Lisa Cassis who commented on the importance of paying attention to policies and procedures all the time.

The Provost and Vice President Cassis thanked the investigative committee for their many hours of hard work and senators responded with a round of applause.

The floor was opened for questions. The Provost responded to questions about the mural in Memorial Hall, research misconduct, and other topics. When there were no further questions for the Provost, he thanked senators for the opportunity to speak with them and senators responded with a round of applause.

c. Vice Chair

Vice Chair Jennifer Osterhage (AS) did not have a report to give.

d. Parliamentarian

Parliamentarian Doug Michael (LA) did not have a report to give.

d. Trustees

Trustees Lee Blonder (ME) and Bob Grossman (AS) introduced themselves.

Blonder reported that at the Board of Trustees' annual Investment Committee retreat it was reported that the endowment value as of June 30th is \$1.5 billion, which is up \$65 million over the past 12 months. The Board's Executive Committee discussed the process of the President's evaluation. The August degree list was approved. Blonder also described new leadership roles in the Board's committees. The Board of Trustees retreat is Thursday, October 17th and Friday, October 18th. Chief Partner Officer at the Education Advisory Board (EAB), Sally Amoruso will present, *Setting the Course for the Student of Tomorrow*.

Grossman invited senators to share any comments, concerns, or praise about the Board with him. He reported that the new Chair of Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Rachel Webb, had served on the Board when she was the Student Government Association (SGA) president.

3. Implementation Team for Blue Ribbon Panel on Graduate Education – Update from Associate Provost for Internationalization Sue Roberts

The Chair introduced Associate Provost for Internationalization Sue Roberts. The Associate Provost reported that Provost David Blackwell gave the charge to the Implementation Advisory Team for Graduate Education to help him develop a plan for implementing the recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Panel. She recognized members of the committee present at the Senate meeting.

The Associate Provost reviewed the priorities identified by the committee as follows: 1. Make graduate education an urgent campus-wide priority; 2. Reorganize to embed the Dean in ongoing partnerships with university leaders in research and education; 3. Conduct a national search and appoint a permanent Dean of the Graduate School; 4. Restructure funding for graduate education to allow investment in outstanding programs and in new initiatives, including cross-disciplinary ventures; 5. Build data analytic capacity to support graduate education; and 6. Strengthen graduate student services.

The Chair asked if there were any questions from senators. The Associate Provost answered all questions and thanked the colleagues on the Implementation Advisory Team, the Provost, and senators for their time. Senators responded with a round of applause.

4. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Library Committee (SLC) – Deborah Chung, Chair

The Chair welcomed SLC Chair Debra Chung (CI). Chung reported that the SLC will be reviewing applications again this year for the Alternative Textbook Grant. She discussed eligibility for the grant and provided statistics about how students have benefited. There were no questions. The Chair thanked Chung for the report.

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

The Chair welcomed SAPC Chair Aaron Cramer (EN). Cramer explained the proposal for a new PhD in Arts Administration. There were no questions of fact. The Chair then 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 PhD in Arts Administration, in the College of Fine Arts. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 61 in favor, one opposed, and two abstained.

c. Senate's Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee (SRWAC) – James Donovan, Chair

The Chair welcomed SRWAC Chair James Donovan (LA). Donovan gave a summary of what SRWAC does and explained that the number of appeals has continued to increase. The SRWAC has submitted proposed rule changes to the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC). The floor was opened for questions. Donovan answered all questions and the Chair thanked him for the report.

d. Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) – Bill Smith, Chair

The Chair welcomed SAASC Chair Bill Smith (EN). Smith explained the proposal for the elimination of the Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT) as a requirement for admission in the Doctor of Pharmacy degree program. The College of Pharmacy would like to implement this beginning with the class that

enters the College in fall 2020. Smith and Frank Romanelli (PH) answered all questions of fact. The Chair then said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the Senate approve the College of Pharmacy requests to eliminate the Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT) as a requirement for admission to the PHARMD degree program and to update the academic progression guidelines in support of the new PHARMD degree program curriculum; and *SR 4.2.3.2, SR 5.3.4.2.1, SR 5.3.4.2.2, SR 5.3.4.2.3, SR 5.3.4.2.4, and SR 5.3.4.2.5* should be edited per the Pharmacy proposal. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 58 in favor, seven opposed, and three abstained.

5. Curriculog-Based Methods and Formats for Program Approval Process

The Chair announced that SC approved the new process for program approvals using Curriculog. The process for programs will be similar to the process for course proposals that are already done in Curriculog. An announcement with a video will be going out soon when the process is made live. The Chair answered questions from the floor and encouraged senators to provide feedback when the new process is live.

6. Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)

There were no items raised from the floor.

Grossman (AS) **moved** to adjourn and Brion (EN) **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 63 in favor, one opposed, and one abstained. The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted by, Jennifer Osterhage
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Absences: Andrade; Arnett; Bailey; Bieber; Birdwhistell; Boyle; Bradley*; Brady; Bruckner; Buchheit; Capilouto; Collins; Cox; Cross; Davis*; Debski; DiPaola; Eastham; Fancher; Farrell; Feist-Price; Flaherty; Forren*; Freeman*; Gent; Goodin; Griggs; Guy; Harper; Heilig; Jackson; Jones; Kearney; Kelley; Kim; Kornbluh; Kruchten; Lauersdorf*; Lehmkuhler; Lephart; Lumppp*; Mardini; Martin; McCormick; Mehra; Michael; Miller; Mudd-Martin; Murthy*; Nigam; Okeson; Phillips; Raissi; Richardson; Richey; Rogers; Rotkis; Saffari; Sheather; Stevenson; Swartz; Tagavi*; B. Taylor; K. Taylor; Turner; Udvardy*; Vernon; Vosevich; Warren; Weber; Whitney*; K. Wilson; and Yost.*

* Denotes an explained absence.

Invited guests present: Lisa Cassis; Sue Roberts; and Frank Romanelli

Prepared by Stephanie Woolery on, Friday, October 18, 2019.