

The University Senate met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, October 9, 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 3:02 pm. She reminded senators that Senate meetings are conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised). She urged senators to continue to be civil during conversations and be good University community citizens by participating and representing their colleges.

1. Minutes from September 11, 2017 and Announcements

The Chair reported that there was one editorial change to the minutes from September 11, 2017. There being **no objections**, the minutes from September 11, 2017 were **approved** as amended by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair drew senators' attention to some curricular deadlines and suggested senators share the deadlines with faculty colleagues. 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 organizational structure, new departments, etc.); and April 15, 2018 for courses, program changes, and minors. She added that a calendar with dates and contact information for resource individuals was available in print at the sign-in table and was also available online at <http://www.uky.edu/universitysenate/forms> (top of page).

Midterm grades for undergraduate students will be due Monday, October 23 at midnight. Previously, grades were due at midnight on Friday of the ninth week of classes. Last year, the Senate approved a change to the deadline, from midnight Friday to midnight on Monday, to submit midterm grades. Extending the deadline to Monday at midnight gave faculty the weekend to grade exams, etc. so that midterm activities could be included in the midterm grade given to undergraduate students. The Chair noted that midterm grade information is important to students – it helps them make decisions about class choice and is also a helpful tool in terms of retention. In the past, some students were not able to make wise decisions in the absence of course-performance information, necessary to make a good decision.

2. Officer and Other Reports

a. Chair

The Chair noted that Provost Tracy regularly attended Senate meetings and that she had also invited him to talk with senators in the event there were any questions for him. Provost Tracy gave senators an update on UK's retention and graduation rates and thanked senators for all the work they do to make a difference in students' lives. When he finished with his brief remarks, he responded to questions from senators about UK's place in national rankings, what UK does to help struggling students, and balancing UK's land grant mission and the need to educate all Kentuckians against the reality that some students have access to resources that better prepare them for standardized tests and college life. When there were no further questions from senators, the Provost again thanked senators for all their work and for helping UK's students. Senators noted their appreciation of his comments with a round of applause.

The Chair introduced Staff Senate Chair Jon Gent (Medicine, Health Education Specialist). She thanked him and the Staff Senate for being a good partner and thanked him for attending, noting that she had attended the Staff Senate meeting earlier in the semester.

The Chair welcomed two new deans to the Senate meeting – Dean Mark Shanda (College of Fine Arts) and Dean Christian Brady (Lewis Honors College). She noted that UK is searching to fill two dean positions (Libraries and Engineering) and that SC had already sent forward the names of faculty to serve on those search committees.

The Chair then introduced Assistant Provost for Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness Annie Davis Weber. Guest Weber presented information about activities surrounding UK's fifth year interim report for SACSCOC (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges). She specifically noted that she was looking for a faculty member to serve as editor of the report, noting that she had secured some financial resources for stipend and support of the faculty member who was willing to serve in that role, particular for summer work. There were a handful of questions from senators.

The Chair explained that Senate's UK Core Education Committee (SUKCEC) was not only responsible for approving courses to be used in UK Core, but that it was also responsible for UK Core assessment. The Chair noted that SUKCEC was working in collaboration with Weber and being very deliberative and intentional in how UK looks at UK Core and the ways in which we evaluate UK Core as an institution. She said that the chair of SUKCEC, Eric Sanday, was working to empanel an ad hoc committee of SUKCEC, comprised of about eight or nine faculty and administrators, to work with SUKCEC on UK Core's assessment. On a related note, she noted her appreciation for nominees for area experts in UK Core that senators had submitted.

Turning to another group of faculty, the Chair offered an update on the Ad Hoc Committee on Title Series. She explained that it was technically charged under former SC chair Hippisley, but that the work was being done now. She said the Committee was comprised of the members of the Senate's Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure and the chairs of the Academic Area Advisory Committees. The Committee was charged to determine the feasibility of: changing to a system with two title series (tenure track and non-tenure track), with ranks in both series at asst. professor, assoc. professor and full professor; and the inclusion of multi-year contract for faculty in the non-tenure track series. She noted that title series are outlined in the *Administrative Regulations*, so the SC was partnering with Provost Tracy on the work. She said that the next step will be to hold campuswide open forums for faculty to offer their thoughts and comments.

The last committee-related update pertained to the Ad Hoc Committee on *Administrative Regulations 6:2* ("Policy and Procedures for Addressing and Resolving Allegations of Sexual Assault, Stalking, Dating Violence, and Domestic Violence"). The Chair shared that the Committee had engaged in thoughtful and deliberative work and was chaired very ably by Bird-Pollan (LA). The Committee members were comprised primarily of faculty who had expertise and scholarship in related areas. SC held an initial discussion on the Committee's draft final report on August 28. Some questions were raised at SC and Bird-Pollan returned the report to the Committee for some revisions. The final report was presented to SC on September 25, at which time the SC voted to adopt the report. The Chair explained that the *AR* in question was under the purview of President Eli Capilouto. She said that on behalf of the SC she would forward the Committee's recommendations to the President and hopefully he would agree to accept some of the recommendations. She noted that SC was not unanimous when voting to adopt the report and that she would outline some of the reservations in the memo she would send to the President.

The Chair added that reports from the Ad Hoc Committee on Title Series and the Ad Hoc Committee on AR 6:2 were both available at <http://www.uky.edu/universitysenate/campuswide-ad-hoc-committees>.

b. Vice Chair

There was no report from Bailey (AG).

c. Parliamentarian

There was no report from Cross (CI).

d. Trustee

The faculty trustees, Grossman (AS) and Blonder (ME), talked about the upcoming Board of Trustees retreat and its theme of discussing and brainstorming about challenges facing higher education over the next 10 years. There were a few questions from senators. Farrell (FA) said he wanted to publicly thank both faculty trustees for their comments, particularly Grossman's Herald-Leader editorial regarding comments made by Kentucky's Governor Matt Bevin in which the Governor indicated that some majors and areas of study were more valuable than others. Farrell said that he and his faculty colleagues appreciated Grossman's comments and that it meant a lot to them for a faculty ally to stand up and publicly offer such supportive comments for the fine arts community. Senators noted their appreciation, also, with a round of applause.

3. Old Business

a. Proposed Changes to Administrative Regulations 4:12 ("Student Involuntary Medical Leaves of Absence Policy and Procedures")

The Chair explained that the proposed changes to *Administrative Regulations 4:12* ("Student Involuntary Medical Leaves of Absence Policy and Procedures") was first reviewed by the Senate on May 1, 2017. No concerns were raised at that time, but Senate was prevented from endorsing (or not endorsing) due to the loss of quorum. The Chair added that Guests Marcy Deaton (senior associate general counsel) and Nick Kehrwald (dean of students) were both present to answer questions. Kehrwald offered senators a brief presentation. There were no questions from senators.

The Chair repeated that the **motion** from SC was that the Senate endorse the proposed new *Administrative Regulations 4:12*. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 77 in favor, two opposed, and two abstaining.

4. Ombud's Report for 2016-17 – Former Ombud Michael Healy

The Chair welcomed UK's former ombud, Guest Michael Healy (LA), who was present to deliver a report on the Ombud's office for the 2016-17 year. Healy shared information with senators; there were no questions.

The Chair invited current Ombud Joe McGillis (ME) to speak with the Senate body. McGillis thanked Provost Tracy for the opportunity to serve as ombud. McGillis noted that he met with a wide variety of individuals after becoming Ombud and the one thing that he heard almost universally from all he interacted with was what a great job Healy did. McGillis said he hoped he was able to serve as well as Healy did and that the University owed Healy a huge debt of gratitude for Healy's service as ombud.

5. Committee Reports

a. Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee (SRWAC) – Jim Donovan, Chair

i. 2015-16 Report

ii. 2016-17 Report

The Chair commented that the Senate's Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee (SRWAC) had been late in starting its meeting schedule. She explained that it was not due to any delay on the part of the SRWAC, but rather was due to a desire to ensure it was composed of a diverse group of faculty. She added that the final member had been identified just last week, so it was likely that SRWAC would begin meeting soon.

Guest Jim Donovan (LA), chair of SRWAC, offered senators an overview of the committee's activities for the 2015-16 year and the 2016-17 year.

5. Proposed Change to Senate Rules 3.2.3 – New Language for “Minor Program Changes” – Senate Council Office

The Chair explained that the prior year, she convened a diverse group (chairs of Senate's academic councils, council coordinators, Ms. Brothers, Schroeder [chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC)] and others to discuss UK's curricular approval process and to recommend efficiencies. At the end of the spring 2017 semester, the group requested that the SC office create new language and a process for “minor program changes.” She explained that the change involved moving less substantive program changes through the curricular approval process more quickly. She referred senators to the language on the screen in front of them and to the printed copies currently being distributed. There were a small number of comments from senators.

The **motion** from the SC was for the Senate to approve the proposed changes to *SR 3.2.3*. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 68 in favor, two opposed, and two abstaining.

6. Proposed Change to Senate Rules 1.4.2.11 (“Senate Committee on Committees”) – Senate Council

The Chair said that at SC's May 2017 retreat, SC discussed Senate operations and productivity. The *SRs* have had placeholder text for a “Committee on Committee” since 2007 (includes the name of the committee but no charge). She said that the SC approved a motion to create a charge pertaining to committee chair onboarding, support, and responsibilities.

The motion from the SC was that the Senate approve the proposed changes to *SR 1.4.2* (“Standing Committees”). Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 63 in favor and one opposed.

7. Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)

D. Jones (ME) stated that the language in the Senate PowerPoint was not entirely correct. The Chair said she would work with Parliamentarian Cross (CI) to correct the language.

There were no further agenda items. Senators began voting to adjourn, although there was no motion made. Given the mass exodus from the room, it appeared that senators were in favor of adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ernie Bailey,
University Senate Secretary

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Absences: Allaire; Arnett; Atwood; Bagh*; Bailey, E.*; Bailey, A.*; Bailey, P.; Bailey, C.; Birdwhistell; Blackwell; Brennen; Cantrell*; Capilouto; Cassis; Cofield; Collins; Couti*; Cox; DiPaola; Eckman; Ederington*; Effgen; English*; Escobar; Feist-Price; Flaherty; Gent; Griffin; Gunasena; Guy; Heath*; Holloway; Iocono; Jackson; Kearney; Koch*; Kornbluh; Kyrkanides; Lovan; Marr*; Martin; McClure; McCormick; Murray; Noland; O'Hair, D. *; O'Neil; Richey; Rohr; Scaggs; Sheff; Stevens; Swanson*; Tracy; Vosevich; Wilson, K.; Witt; Woods; and Zhang.

Invited guests present: Marcy Deaton, Jim Donovan, Michael Healy, and Nick Kehrwald.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Tuesday, October 17, 2017.

* Denotes an absence explained prior to the meeting.