

University Senate
September 9, 2019

The University Senate met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, September 9, 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 2:59 pm. She welcomed senators and reminded them that Senate follows Robert's Rules of Order. She asked that senators be civil and good citizens. She also asked everyone to participate in the meetings and share information with colleagues in their home units. She reminded senators to pick up their voting clickers and sign in. 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 67 senators registered their presence.

The Chair welcomed University Senate Chair and President Eli Capilouto.

1. President Eli Capilouto, University Senate Chair

President Capilouto noted that he would try to be brief so he would be able to engage with the audience's questions and comments at the end. He came with deep gratitude and shared some of his more recent experiences, including the presentation of an honorary degree to Dr. Doris Wilkinson. Due to health issues, Dr. Wilkinson was unable to attend the Trevor Noah event, when the honorary degree was originally planned to be presented. The President, Provost, and Senate Council Chair visited her nursing home to present the honorary degree to her. It was touching to hear her family and former students share how Dr. Wilkinson had a meaningful impact on their lives.

The President's comments addressed a wide variety of topics, including: the diversity of our honorary degree recipients; working on solutions to problems at the University like more space for student housing/dining and more beds at the Albert B. Chandler Hospital; research awards and state funding increases; Chandler Hospital ranked number one for the third year in a row; *Forbes* and *Chronicle of Higher Education* recognized UK as a good place to work; record level retention rates at UK; UK celebrating 70 years of integration; the value of higher education; UK LEADS program; statewide initiative to review all University academic portfolios; national tension about foreign influence vs. openness and transparency in research; a typical day in the life of the University President; and UK bringing hope to the eastern Kentucky opioid crisis.

The President opened the floor for questions and was asked if there were any Title IX developments. He explained that the Department of Education had issued proposed regulations and there have been lots of responses to those, each of which must be responded to by the Department of Education. The final regulations have not been released but the expectation is that there will be some flexibility. The Chair co-chairs a committee with Martha Alexander and that committee plans to have a conversation about how to proceed once the final regulations are released.

There were no further questions or comments. President Capilouto again thanked the senators and wished them a great semester. The senators responded with a warm round of applause.

2. Minutes from May 6, 2019 and Announcements

The Chair said that only minor changes had been received. There being **no objections**, the minutes from May 6, 2019 were **approved** as amended **by unanimous consent**.

There were many announcements.

The Chair introduced the new SC employee, Stephanie Woolery, and thanked the President's Office for making it possible to hire a third person. Her responsibilities include social media and newsletters. The Chair asked the Senators to send any content ideas to herself and Ms. Woolery.

At the request of UK's General Counsel, the SC sent forward names for Health Care Colleges Code of Professional Student Conduct Appeals Board (HCCCAB). The Chair asked Senators to send forward names of colleagues who might be interested in serving on the HCCCAB in future years.

Senate Committee chairs are being finalized and will be announced at the October Senate meeting.

The Chair has been attending college faculty council meetings in an effort to reach out and encourage more collaboration. If any Senator wants the Chair to attend any of their college's meetings, contact the Chair or Ms. Woolery.

The curricular approval process goes from the college level to one of the three academic councils. The Graduate Council is still chaired by Dean Brian Jackson. The Undergraduate Council (UC) has a new chair, Corrine Williams (PbH/Health, Behavior and Society). The Chair thanked Amy Spriggs (ED/ Early Childhood, Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling) for previously serving as the UC chair. The Health Care Colleges Council (HCCC) also has a new chair, Sheila Melander (NU). The Chair thanked Carl Mattacola (HS/Athletic Training) for previously serving as the HCCC chair.

The UC is expanding membership and is asking for volunteers again this year. The UC agendas are dense, and the SC has approved additional members temporarily. The Chair asked that the senators send forward names of anyone willing to serve to her.

All Senators should have their committee assignments now, but, if not, contact the Chair or Ms. Woolery.

The Staff Senate has extra T-shirts available from Appreciation Day if anyone would like one. They have also sent out a call for nominations for the Outstanding Staff Award. A link to the nomination form was included in the recent Senate newsletter. Contact Jon Gent for more information.

The Office of Institutional Diversity has three finalists coming in this Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday for the position of Director of Inclusive Excellence in Diversity Education. Senators are invited to come to these open events in the Lexmark Room of the Main Building.

The Chair asked the Senators to respect the curricular proposal deadlines. She noted that returning senators had heard about the 2019-20 deadlines for receipt of proposals, to give proposals the best chance of being effective for fall 2020. If seeking a fall 2020 effective date, curricular proposals must first be reviewed by the appropriate academic council(s) (GC, HCCC, UC) and received by the SC office after academic council approval 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.

3. Officer and Other Reports

a. Chair

The Chair reminded senators that the Chair and the SC have the authority to waive some *Senate Rules (SRs)*, as long as those waivers are reported to Senate. She listed the waivers that were given since the last Senate meeting on May 6, 2019.

- Over the summer, the Chair approved a request to change the University Calendar (on behalf of SC and Senate).
 - Dean Brian Jackson (Graduate School) asked to change the graduate program registration window from opening in August to opening in June.
- At the SC meeting August 19, the SC approved a change to the Dentistry calendar (on behalf of Senate).
 - Moved hooding ceremony from Friday, May 8 to Saturday, May 9.
 - Change requested due to student input that some families had difficulties making it to campus on Friday.
- Over the summer, the Chair approved late additions to degree lists (on behalf of SC and Senate).
 - One PhD student and two undergraduates approved for addition to May 2019 degree list.
- At SC's May retreat, SC approved request from a student to rescind their single degree with a double major and instead confer dual degrees (on behalf of Senate).
- Honorary Degree Recipient, Doris Wilkinson
 - Due to health reasons, Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters presented to Dr. Wilkinson in private.
 - One of the first three African-American graduates of UK.
 - Hired at UK in late 1960s and was first African-American female appointed as a full-time faculty member.
 - Founder of UK's annual Carter G. Woodson Lecture Series and the annual Black Women's Conference.
 - Chair shared pictures of the presentation of the honorary degree to Dr. Wilkinson and senators showed their appreciation of Wilkinson's contributions with a round of applause.
- At the May retreat, SC discussed three separate issues:
 1. Early notice about proposed new degrees/certificates;
 2. Admission of non-degree students into certificates; and
 3. Plan A master's degrees.
 1. Early notice about proposed new degrees and certificates
 - SC concerned about lack of communication (and collaboration) around proposals for new degrees and certificates.
 - SC office now receives notices of potential proposals for new degrees/certificates.

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- Ms. Brothers now emails this information to college-level contacts, associate deans, and deans on a weekly basis.
2. Non-degree students in undergraduate certificates
- Last year, Senate approved change to *SRs* that newly allowed non-degree students to enroll in undergraduate certificates.
 - Concern expressed about there being no immediate way for existing undergraduate certificates to take advantage of this *SR* change.
 - SC approved one-time process for programs seeking to allow enrollment of non-degree students into a certificate under the same certificate admissions requirements as degree-seeking students.
 - One-page forms due to Ms. Brothers in SC office by October 16.
3. Plan A Master's
- SACS requirement that all master's degrees have at least 30 credit hours.
 - Thesis writing should be reflected in credits earned, but not all master's degrees with Plan A options do this, resulting in student transcripts showing less than 30 credit hours of work.
 - SC approved one-time expedited approval process for program change to add 768 courses for thesis hours.

Senate Rules allow for a liaison from SC to serve on each academic council. Many thanks to the three below who have agreed to serve!

- HCCC: Richard Charnigo (PbH/Biostatistics)
 - GC: Melinda Wilson (ME/Physiology)
 - UC: Alberto Corso (AS/Mathematics)
- Time of second May Commencement pushed back an hour to allow for more tear-down/set-up time between ceremonies
 - Chair described issue to SC but SC did not think it needed SC approval (University calendar does not include specific time)
 - Convened a meeting with chairs of academic councils, council coordinators, and SAPC chair about standardizing curricular reviews
 - Checklists used by all three councils for courses and programs available at uky.edu/universitysenate/forms
 - Working with council chairs and Aaron Cramer (EN/SAPC chair) on how curricular reviews differ from step to step
 - In initial stages of establishing Senate-wide policy for returning proposals to unresponsive contact persons
 - SC asked in spring 2019 for data on summer 2019 enrollment of non-degree students
Report from Associate Provost for Enrollment Management Christine Harper indicated that...
 - 82 non-degree students signed up for summer 2019 classes.
 - Non-degree students enrolled in about 55 different courses.
 - No courses with non-degree students were at capacity.
 - No courses in which non-degree students were enrolled had wait lists.

- Institute for Study of Free Enterprise (ISFE)
 - ISFE was approved by Senate about two years ago.
 - The approval included a requirement for review of the Institute after two years to assess the extent to which ISFE is driven by the faculty and identify (if any) the extent and nature of external influence.
 - SC named individuals to serve on the ad hoc Committee to Review ISFE in spring.
 - The committee report will likely come to Senate in spring.

b. Provost

Provost David Blackwell was unable to attend but the Chair said he planned to give a full report to the Senate in October.

c. Vice Chair

The Vice Chair presented the Outstanding Senator Award. She explained that the award had typically been given in May, but the May meetings tended to be very busy, hence the move to the September meeting. She informed Senators of the criteria for selection of Outstanding Senator. These include:

- Showing active and exemplary service on one or more Senate committees during their tenure.
- Substantively communicating with the Senate and while working with the faculty at large on important issues that impact the faculty as a whole.
- Giving a strong voice to faculty issues in meetings, public events, and/or local/regional news media and actively defended the principle of shared governance in University forums and debates.
- Generating and effecting the Senate's larger agenda and goals.

The Vice Chair stated that current SC members are not eligible for this award. The winner this year had been nominated during her time on SC so she was not eligible then, but she was nominated again after she was no longer on SC and was eligible for this year's award.

The nominator said that the nominee was a very active member of the Senate during the years of her membership, serving on the Senate Council and chairing the SAPC. Her dedication to Senate matters led to her spending hours every week interacting with other Senators, and with faculty members across campus to help them improve their program proposals. She served as the Vice Chair of the Senate Council, until her appointment as Associate Dean of the College of Education required her to step down from that role. However, even now that she has had to give up her official Senate affiliations, she has volunteered to rejoin the SAPC on an ad hoc basis to help them work through the proposals they've been working through, many of which were part of Our Path Forward.

The Outstanding Senator Award went to Margaret Mohr-Schroeder, Associate Dean for Clinical Preparation and Partnerships in the College on Education. The Senators gave Mohr-Schroeder a warm round of applause and the Vice Chair presented her with the plaque.

d. Parliamentarian

Parliamentarian Douglas Michael (LA) introduced himself. He explained that he is appointed by SC and the *Senate Rules* do not specify a term. He speaks to the Senators once a year. He is an advisor to the Chair but generally only speaks when asked for guidance. He discussed general rules of debate and how

to do a friendly amendment. He clarified the process of commenting and questions of fact. The Chair always determines who will speak.

Regarding general rules of debate, the motion is announced or is next on the agenda and a second is requested, but that is not necessary for committee or SC items. Next, the Chair asks for questions of fact and then states the question/motion. Once the Chair states the question/motion and puts it on the floor, the motion will then belong to the assembly and cannot be changed without the assembly's consent.

The Chair may recognize a committee member to present the motion and to perhaps answer clarifying questions. The Committee member does not recognize members rising from the floor – only the Chair may do that. The Chair always retains the task of assigning the time and order for remarks. Questions of fact will come first and senators may need to think carefully to avoid combining a question of fact with stating their opinion (“debate”) on the issue; during the time to ask questions of fact senators should refrain from saying something like, “I want to know if this has been fully funded because if not, I won't support it.” Senators typically raise their hands and wait to be called upon. Ordinarily, a member may not speak a second time unless all who wish to speak to the motion have been recognized.

d. Trustee

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

Blonder reported that the Board of Trustees (BOT) had three members roll off in June. Governor Bevin appointed three replacements last week: Kathy Black replaced Angela Edwards; Joe Bowen replaced David Hawpe; Anthony Donohue replaced Jim Booth. The BOT will be meeting Thursday and Friday this week. The annual Investment Committee retreat, Healthcare Committee, and Athletics Committee meets Thursday. There are more committee meetings and then the BOT meeting is on Friday. All agendas are posted online. The Academic and Student Affairs Committee, where Senate proposals go, was chaired by Angela Edwards. For the meeting this Friday, Cammie Grant will be serving as Interim Chair. Current BOT Chair Brockman is not allowed to serve another term as chair so there will be an election this Friday. The BOT is also electing Vice Chair, Secretary, and three executive committee members this Friday.

Grossman reported that the last BOT meeting was in June, after the Senate last met. The University Relations Committee heard from Lexington Mayor Linda Gorton. The relationship between UK and the city of Lexington has become more cooperative as illustrated by the land swap. Grossman emphasized that the Trustees appreciate the importance of the University to empower people to earn a good living and live a good life. The Trustees have enormous respect for the faculty, and he feels that the University is in good hands with them.

4. Degree Recipients

a. Late August 2019 Degree List

The Chair reminded senators that only elected faculty senators were eligible to vote on the degree list. There were no questions of fact. She said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation from the SC that the elected faculty senators approve UK's late August 2019 list of candidates for credentials, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required.

There were no questions. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 66 in favor and three abstained.

5. Update on CIP Changes – Assistant Provost for Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness Annie Davis Weber.

The Chair introduced Guest Annie Davis Weber (Assistant Provost for Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness). Weber explained that there is a number attached to every program offered; “CIP” stands for “classification of instructional program.” Historically, if the CIP code was changed, it had to go through the Senate’s program change process. Often, it is not optional to change this number. Last year the SC voted to allow changes that were limited to a change in the CIP code to directly to the Office of Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness (OSPIE) for approval. In these instances, it makes sense to allow OSPIE to vet, approve, and report these changes back to the Senate on an annual basis.

Weber presented the summary of six minor CIP code changes that her office has made over the last year.

The floor was opened for questions. There were a number of questions from senators and discussion about how CIP codes work.

6. Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)

There were no items raised from the floor.

Grossman (AS) **moved** to adjourn and Osterhage (AS) **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 69 in favor and one opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted by, Jennifer Osterhage
University Senate Secretary

Absences: Bagh; Bailey; Beck; Bieber; Birdwhistell; Blackwell; Boyle; Brady; Bray; Bruckner; Buchheit; Cantrell*; Cassis; Collins; Cox; Davis; DeSantis; DiPaola; Francher; Farrell; Firey*; Flaherty; Gent; Goodin; Griggs; Guy; Hall*; Harley; Harper; Heilig; Hicks; Jackson; Johnson; Jones; Kearney; Kelley; Kim; Lauersdorf*; Lephart; Loftin*; Mardini; McCormick; Mehra; Miller; Nigam; Okeson; Pauly; Pepper*; Phillips; Raissi; Richey; Rogers; Rotkis; Saffari; Scott; Sheather; Stevenson; Swartz; Tagavi*; Taylor; Turner; Vernon; Vosevich; Wilson

* Denotes an explained absence.

Invited guests present:

Prepared by Stephanie Woolery on Friday, September 13, 2019.