

University Senate Minutes
September 11, 2006

The University Senate met on Monday, September 11, 2006 at 3:00 pm in the Auditorium of the William T. Young Library. Below is a record of what transpired.

Absences: Baldwin, Bartilow, Brown, Butler, Calvert*, Cammers-Goodwin, Caudill, Chew, Clauter*, Cooper, Coyne, Deem*, DeSimone, Duke*, El-Ghannam, English*, Frost, Gaetke*, Grossman*, Hasselbring, Hoch, Hoffman, Kirschling, Lester, Lillich, Martin*, McCormick, Mitchell*, Mobley, Mohny, Perman, Pulito, Remer*, Shay, Smart*, Sudharshan, Terrell, Turner, Vasconez, Vestal, Williams, G., Wiseman, Wyatt.

*Denotes absence explained.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.

University Senate Chair Lee Todd called the meeting to order. Senate Parliamentarian and Emeritus Professor Gifford Blyton was recognized for his 35 years of continuous service as parliamentarian to the Senate; President Todd presented Blyton with a plaque to commemorate the occasion. Also, senators sang, "Happy Birthday" to Blyton, who would be turning 98 years old on September 18.

1. State of the University Address – President Todd

President Todd gave his annual "State of the University" address to senators.

2. Strategic Plan 2006 – 2009 (Provisional) – [Remarks by Provost Kumble Subbaswamy](#)

Provost Subbaswamy spoke about the Strategic Plan 2006 – 2009 (Provisional) and how UK's [Vision, Mission and Values statement](#) had been revised somewhat to align with the strategic plan. The Chair asked Senators to send their comments to him or directly to the Provost.

3. [Memorial Resolution for Associate Dean for Extension Larry T. Turner](#)
(presented by College of Agriculture Dean Scott Smith)

Dean Smith read a memorial resolution for Larry Turner. The Chair accepted the **motion** from Dean Smith to incorporate the resolution into the minutes and send a copy to Turner's family. Infanger **seconded**. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Memorial Resolution
Presented to the University of Kentucky Senate
September 11, 2006

Larry W. Turner

1954 – 2006

Associate Dean for Extension and Director of Kentucky Cooperative
Extension - College of Agriculture

Dr. Larry W. Turner of Lexington, Kentucky died August 27, 2006 from injuries sustained in the crash of Comair Flight 5191. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Lois; daughters Molly and Amy, son Clay; his mother, Martha Turner of Rising Sun; a sister, Marilyn (Sam) Fox; and a brother, Wayne (Karen) of Indianapolis.

On behalf of the alumni, students, staff, faculty, and friends of the College of Agriculture, I humbly offer the following memorial to Larry Turner.

Although Larry was raised on a farm in Rising Sun, Indiana, he was a proud Kentuckian. Larry joined UK in 1978 as an Extension agricultural engineer and faculty member in energy management. In 1999 he was promoted to chair of the Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering. In January, 2002 he became Associate Dean. Larry earned bachelor's and master's degrees in agricultural engineering from Purdue University. He earned a Ph.D. in agricultural engineering from UK in 1984.

In addition to his Extension and applied research activities, Larry taught courses in the dynamics of biological systems and in design of ventilation and environmental control.

He led multistate, multidisciplinary efforts in development of a swine growth computer model now used in four states. Larry's Extension program focused on cattle-forage systems such as geotextile pads, fencing, water supply and paddock layout, as well as cooling systems for dairy and swine. As a visiting scientist at Silsoe Research Institute in Great Britain, he conducted research on air quality effects on swine.

Under Larry's leadership, the biosystems and agricultural engineering department increased external research and Extension grants from an annual level of \$250,000 in 1999 to more than \$4 million at the time he became associate dean.

As associate dean, he spearheaded a statewide streamlining and enhancement effort called "Re-envisioning Extension," and led the successful effort to develop the County Enhancement Initiative which established a county agent career advancement track.

Larry will long be remembered for the passion he brought to the field of Cooperative Extension, where he established himself as one of the

nation's foremost leaders in innovative programming. Larry helped place the nation's first Fine Arts Extension Agent in Pike County in 2005. He also sought partnerships to battle the state's drug epidemic. And others, like the Kentucky Entrepreneurial Coaches Institute, that were designed to improve this state's economy.

Larry believed in the mission of Extension and its role in "taking the university to the people." He was instrumental in creating programs in Kentucky's rural communities, including Health Education through Extension Leadership (HEEL), a health education and empowerment program that would touch nearly 750,000 Kentucky lives in 2005 alone.

His dedication to serving the people of Kentucky earned him a spot on the University Committee on Academic Planning & Priorities, where he served as Chair of the Engagement Subcommittee.

Larry's friend and colleague Harold Benson, Director of Land Grant Programs at Kentucky State University, described Turner as a giant among men. "I will hold tight to the memories I have of him," Benson said. "He was able to bridge university to university and program to program in a gentle but effective way. The university is better for Larry walking their way. He shall be missed. On behalf of Kentucky State University and myself, I say thank you, Larry, and for all the people he has helped serve, I say thank you."

I ask that this resolution be made a part of the minutes of the University Senate and that a copy be sent to Dean Turner's family.

4. Minutes from April 10, 2006 and Announcements

There being a few editorial changes to the minutes from April 10, 2006, the minutes were approved as modified. The Chair offered a few announcements. In addition, he shared with senators, per *Senate Rule 1.0.C*, the [rule waivers](#) approved by the Senate Council since the last meeting of the Senate in April and associated justifications.

5. UK Degree List

Because the UK degree list came from the Senate Council, no second was necessary. A **vote** was taken of elected University Faculty to approve the UK Degree List. The motion **passed** unanimously.

6. BCTC List of Candidates for Credentials

Coming from the Senate Council, no second was necessary. A **vote** was taken of elected University Faculty to approve the BCTC list of candidates for credentials. The motion **passed** unanimously.

7. [Change to Administrative Regulations II-1.0-6 – Chief Academic Officer Merit Review](#)

There was a discussion with Provost Subbaswamy regarding the review of chief academic officers. The Chair asked the Senators to send their comments to him or directly to the Provost.

8. [Extension of Oral Communications Requirement Suspension](#)

There was discussion regarding the extension of the Oral Communications Requirement Suspension. Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education Phil Kraemer answered questions.

The request to extend the suspension came from the Senate Council, therefore no second was necessary. A **vote** was taken on the motion to extend until Fall 2009 the suspension of the oral communications requirement (meaning the incoming class of 2009 would be the last class for which the extension were suspended) and to request a report from the University Studies Committee on the progress for a solution, to be submitted to the Senate Council by the end of January 2007. The motion **passed** in a show of hands, with one against.

9. [USP External Review Committee Final Report – Bill Rayens](#)

USP External Review Committee Chair Bill Rayens gave a presentation on the committee's final report.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Grabau
University Senate Vice Chair

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on October 9, 2006.