

University Senate
September 11, 2017

The University Senate met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, September 11, 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 3:06 pm. She welcomed attendees and reminded senators to pick up their voting devices before taking their seats. She said that during the new senator orientation that just ended, new senators were given folders with various pieces of information within. She drew attention to the information on the back of the folder, which outlined expectations of senators; she suggested that all senators pick up a folder before leaving.

The Chair reminded senators that Senate meetings were conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised) (RONR); she introduced Al Cross (senator, CI/Journalism and Telecommunication) as the Senate's parliamentarian. She noted that while most senators regularly engage in civil discourse, she acknowledged that Senate was often the forum for lively debates and the place where senators could share their thoughts and opinions in an effort to find consensus. The Chair encouraged senators to solicit the input of the constituencies that they represent and said that if a senator remained silent on issues, the senator's college lost the opportunity for representation in the debate.

The Chair called for an attendance vote and 80 senators registered their presence.

The Chair explained that *Senate Rules 1.2.3* ("Meetings") requires that minutes, agenda, and supporting documentation be sent to senators six days in advance, but the minutes from May 1 were not sent out until Thursday.

The Chair solicited a motion to waive *Senate Rules 1.2.3* to allow the Senate to consider the agenda, etc. because the entire agenda and supporting documentation was not sent out six days in advance. Brion (EN) **moved** accordingly and Wasilkowski (EN) **seconded**. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with 74 in favor and two opposed.

1. Minutes from May 5, 2017 and Announcements

The Chair reported that no changes were received regarding the minutes. Because there were **no objections**, the minutes from May 1, 2017 were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**.

There were a number of announcements. The Chair welcomed all new senators and asked that they stand and be recognized. New senators were greeted with applause.

- The annual "Welcome Back" reception will be held on September 18 at Maxwell Place. The invitations will be sent this week, from the President's office.
- New senators were provided with a folder during orientation earlier in the afternoon that included helpful information, including expectations for senators. The Chair added that additional folders were available at the back of the room and said every senator is welcome to pick up a folder when they left at the end of the meeting.
- Spring semester deadlines for receipt of curricular items in Senate Council office were:

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- January 2, 2018 for proposals requiring committee review (new degree programs, changes to organizational structure, new departments, etc.).
- April 15, 2018 for courses, program changes, and minors.
- SC expects to finalize committee compositions on September 18. The Chair suggested that senators watch for an email with committee assignment information.
- Joe McGillis (ME/Microbiology and Immunology) was appointed Ombud for 2017-18. Kaveh Tagavi (EN/Mechanical Engineering) will complete the remainder of McGillis' SC term.
- Bob Lorch (AS/Psychology) agreed to serve as Senate's representative on the Transportation Committee.
- UK has closed Commonwealth Village.
- The Chair offered congratulations to Jennifer Bird-Pollan (LA), recipient of the College of Law's 2017 Duncan Teaching Award, which promotes outstanding teaching within the College.
- Ms. Brothers made a number of updates to the Senate website over the summer. Regarding Senate meetings, the site previously included records back to 2008-09, but information is now available through 1993-94. The ability for minutes and transcripts to be searchable in the future has been built. The site previously included web transmittals back to 2009-10, but now includes transmittals back to 2006-2007.
- UK's 2017UK@Work Survey will begin soon. It is an engagement survey to better understand what drives discretionary effort & higher levels of employee commitment. The survey addresses issues such as communication, strategy and direction, leadership, diversity and inclusivity, empowerment, and University culture (categories mirror 2015 survey). Responses will be treated confidentially. Data will be aggregated into groups of about 10 respondents. The University-level results are expected in early November and Human Resources anticipates sharing college and unit results over the winter.
- The Staff Senate is sponsoring a new award. Current awards are for staff who receive a departmental award – these "local" awards are celebrated at one central event. This new award will be for a staff employee who is nominated by a faculty employee. The Chair referred senators to a URL for more information, noted that a nomination form was available in the back of the room, and that senators could email Brittany Begley in the Staff Senate office for more information.
- "After Office Hours" is an event that is sponsored by Residence Life and provides a unique opportunity for staff and faculty to assist retention efforts by engaging with students outside of the classroom and in the residence halls. The primary goal is to show students that UK employees are interested in meeting students, even after normal business hours, to answer any questions, promote working partnerships, and encourage academic success.
- Kentucky's Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL) has a new chair – Enid Trucios-Haynes, who is a law professor at the University of Louisville and chairs their Senate. One of

UK's representatives is Michael Kennedy, Senate's emeritus senator. The COSFL group appears to be newly invigorated and their next meeting was scheduled for the following day (September 12) in Frankfort.

2. Officer and Other Reports

a. Chair

The Chair said that she asked Provost Tim Tracy to offer an update on UK's activities pertaining to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Provost Tracy began by encouraging senators to participate in "After Office Hours." He thanked the Chair for a great working relationship and said he appreciated their regular meetings. Provost Tracy then spoke with senators about UK's plans for the future, as well as the actions UK has taken in the past to support DACA recipients. He introduced Greg Heileman, UK's new associate provost for student and academic life. Provost Tracy closed with some comments about recent hurricanes and said that special support services (counseling, emergency financial assistance) has been offered to UK students from the affected areas. There were a handful of questions from senators.

The Chair thanked Provost Tracy for his comments and senators offered their appreciation via a round of applause. The Chair commented that the Provost typically attends Senate meetings, listens to the discussions, and uses those conversations to inform his decision making.

The Chair commented that while Senate does not meet over the summer, business still takes place. In accordance with *Senate Rules 1.1.0.B*, the Chair may take certain actions on behalf of SC and/or Senate if those actions are reported at the next meeting. The Chair said there were a series of such actions and that she approved the actions on behalf of SC and Senate.

- Calendar change, College of Medicine 2017-18: added a series of holidays that were inadvertently omitted.
- Calendar change, College of Dentistry 2017-18: combined hooding and commencement ceremonies on May 12, instead of having them on two separate days.
- Late addition to degree list (Fine Arts): approved amending something the Senate previously adopted (the May 2017 degree list) for [name] by conferring upon them a BS in Digital Media and Design and rescinding the BA Art Studio previously conferred in error.
- Late addition to degree list (Law) : approved amending the May 2017 degree list adopted at the May 2017 Senate meeting by adding a Juris Doctor for [name] and recommending through the President through the Board of Trustees that the degree be awarded effective May 2017.

The Chair commented that these sorts of corrections were done somewhat regularly. UK graduates a lot of students and the majority of them move through UK's system without error. When departments make errors, however, many folks work hard to correct the error so that a student is not penalized.

- Late addition to degree List (Public Health): approved amending the May 2017 degree list adopted at the May 1, 2017 Senate meeting by adding a Bachelor of Public Health degree for [name] and recommending through the President to the Board of Trustees that the degree be awarded effective May 2017.

- Waiver of *Senate Rule 5.3.1.1* (“Repeat Option”): approved waiver of the requirement that a student be enrolled in order to utilize the repeat option.
- Provisional approval granted for MA 109 (to include in UK Core).

The Chair then turned to updates on SC’s two ad hoc committees.

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”) has submitted a draft report, which will be presented to SC on August 28. The report will also be presented to the executive bodies of the Staff Senate and the Student Government Association. The proposal will return to SC for a vote in late September or early October. The language that is under discussion is embedded in AR 6:2, which is not in Senate’s purview, but if President Capilouto agrees with any of the Committee’s recommendations, those changes will be presented to Senate by the administration.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Title Series has submitted a preliminary report. The Committee is comprised of the chairs of academic area advisory committees and the members of Senate’s Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure (SACPT). Sharon Lock (NU), chair of SACPT, chaired the committee. Ex officio members were G. T. Lineberry (associate provost for faculty advancement), Marcy Deaton (associate legal counsel), and Dave Watt (ME/Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry). There are seven different ways to be employed as a faculty member and the various title series are sometimes confusing for chairs, faculty, and administrators. The charge was to see if there was a way to improve UK’s current title series and make it more transparent.

b. Vice Chair

Vice Chair Bailey said he had no report.

c. Parliamentarian

Parliamentarian Cross gave senators a brief presentation that described Robert’s Rules of Order (Newly Revised) (RONR), how parliamentary actions worked, and the URL to the Senate’s parliamentary assistance page.

d. Trustee

Faculty trustees Grossman and Blonder offered a brief update to senators in regards to the recent Board of Trustees meeting.

3. Degree Recipients

a. Second August 2017 Degree List

The Chair reminded senators that per KRS 164.240 and *SR 1.4.0*, only the faculty senators elected by college faculty members may vote on degree lists. The **motion** from SC was a recommendation that the elected faculty senators approve UK’s second August 2017 list of candidates for credentials, for submission to 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 58 in favor.

b. Late Additions to May 2017 Degree List (per Senate Rules 5.4.1.1.D.1-2)

i. Late Addition to Degree list – College of Law Student CM-10

The **motion** from the SC was a recommendation that the elected faculty senators amend the May 2017 degree list adopted at the May 1, 2017 Senate meeting by adding the Juris Doctor of Law for student

CM-10 and recommend through the President to the Board of Trustees that the degree be awarded effective May 2017. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 73 in favor and one opposed.

ii. Late Addition to Degree List – College of Law Student MA-33

The **motion** from the SC was a recommendation that the elected faculty senators amend the May 2017 degree list adopted at the May 1, 2017 Senate meeting by adding the Juris Doctor of Law for student MA-33 and recommend through the President to the Board of Trustees that the degree be awarded effective May 2017. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 74 in favor.

iii. Late Addition to Degree List – College of Law Student MS-39

The **motion** from the SC was a recommendation that the elected faculty senators amend the May 2017 degree list adopted at the May 1, 2017 Senate meeting by adding the Juris Doctor of Law for student MS-39 and recommend through the President to the Board of Trustees that the degree be awarded effective May 2017. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 77 in favor.

iv. Late Addition to Degree List – College of Law Student SS-65

The **motion** from the SC was a recommendation that the elected faculty senators amend the May 2017 degree list adopted at the May 1, 2017 Senate meeting by adding the Juris Doctor of Law for student SS-65 and recommend through the President to the Board of Trustees that the degree be awarded effective May 2017. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 76 in favor and one abstained.

v. Late Addition to Degree List – College of Arts and Sciences Student HA-81

The **motion** from the SC was a recommendation that the elected faculty senators amend the May 2017 degree list adopted at the May 1, 2017 Senate meeting by adding the BS Biology for student HA-81 and recommend through the President to the Board of Trustees that the degree be awarded effective May 2017. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 77 in favor.

vi. Late Addition to Degree List – Graduate School Student KA-79

The **motion** from the SC was a recommendation that the elected faculty senators amend the May 2017 degree list adopted at the May 1, 2017 Senate meeting by adding the MA Mathematics for student KA-79 and recommend through the President to the Board of Trustees that the degree be awarded effective May 2017. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 76 in favor.

4. Committee Reports

a. Blue-Ribbon Committee for Graduate Education – Carl Mattacola and Brett Spear, Co-Chairs

i. Presentation on Graduate Education Survey Results (15 pgs)

The Chair explained that the Blue-Ribbon Committee for Graduate Education was a joint committee charged by the Provost and SC in collaboration with the Interim Dean of the Graduate School. It has a total of 21 members (13 identified by the SC, Senate, and/or the Graduate School and eight identified by the Provost). It began meeting in spring 2017 and its charge is “to envision the graduate student experience and develop a rigorous intellectual vision for the University of Kentucky’s graduate education mission for the next 10-15 years.”

Spears (ME) and Guest Carl Mattacola (HS/Rehabilitation Sciences, associate dean for academic and faculty affairs) provided senators with an update on the results of the Blue-Ribbon Committee's survey on graduate education. There were a few comments and questions from senators. When there were no further questions, senators expressed their appreciation for the presentation with a round of applause.

5. Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)

No senator raised any issue from the floor.

Wood **moved** to adjourn and M. Whitaker **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 67 in favor and two opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ernie Bailey,
University Senate Secretary

Absences: Allaire; Amaral-Phillips*; Arnett*; Atwood; Bailey, C.; Birdwhistell; Blackwell*; Brennen; Capilouto; Cassis; Caudill; Cheng; Childress; Chung, D.; Cofield; Collins; Couti*; Cox; Cross; Danner; DiPaola; D'Orazio; Ederington; Escobar; Feist-Price; Flaherty; Geneve*; Gent; Giancarlo; Griffin; Gunasena; Guy; Holloway; Hopkins; Hustedde; Iocono; Jackson; Kyrkanides; Lovan; Martin*; Mazur*; Miller-Spillman; Murray; O'Hair, M. *; O'Neil; Richey; Rohr; Scaggs; Shanda; Sheff*; Stevens*; Swanson*; Tagavi*; Vosevich; Wilson, M. *; Wilson, K.; and Witt.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Monday, October 2, 2017.

* Denotes an absence explained prior to the meeting.