

University Senate
January 27, 2020

The University Senate met in regular session on Monday, January 27, 2020 in the Athletics Association Auditorium of W. T. Young Library. Below is a record of what transpired

Senate Council Chair Jennifer Bird-Pollan (LA) called the University Senate (Senate) meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

1. Minutes from December 9, 2019 and Announcements

The Chair 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 64 senators registered their presence.

The Chair informed senators that *Senate Rules (SR) 1.2.3* requires that minutes, agenda, and supporting documentation be sent to senators six days in advance, but minutes were not sent on Tuesday, January 21st. Therefore, Senate needs to move to waive Senate Rules 1.2.3 to allow the Senate to consider the agenda, etc. because not all supporting documentation (minutes) was sent out six days in advance. Brion (EN) made a **motion** that the Senate waive SR 1.2.3 to allow consideration of the agenda, etc. for January 27, 2020. Brady (LHC) **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 67 in favor, none opposed, and two abstained.

The Chair reported that minor edits to the minutes had been received and implemented for the set of minutes from December 9, 2019. Although the minutes are usually approved by unanimous consent, a special request was made to vote by show of hands in order to take a photo of the Senate. Grossman (AS) made a **motion** to approve the minutes from December 9, 2019 as amended. Brion (EN) **seconded**. There was no debate. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with all in favor, none opposed, and none abstained.

The Chair offered a series of announcements to senators.

The Chair announced that new polling systems are still being considered. Any suggestions can be sent to Stephanie Woolery.

The Chair thanked everyone who responded to the call for committee nominations and requested that if anyone had additional nominations to send them in before the next Senate Council (SC) meeting. After the SC deliberates on Monday, February 3, the nominees will be sent to the President's office or other relevant office, where discussions take place regarding final compositions, except for committees and nominees appointed explicitly by SC.

The Chair reminded senators that RSVPs were due for DanceBlue and that the proceeds go to Kentucky Children's Hospital.

The Chair announced that the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) had been deliberating about softening the language against advertising unapproved programs. This did not make it on CPE's agenda this month and it does not look like it will be on the April agenda either, so this policy is not likely to change. If Senators feel strongly about the issue, they can share those concerns with elected state representatives, Provost Blackwell, or Assistant Provost for Strategic Planning & Institutional

Effectiveness Annie Weber. Assistant Provost Weber can help answer any questions Senators or others have regarding program advertising and let them know what options are available.

The Chair informed Senate that the Board of Trustees (BOT) will now accept proposals that are scheduled to be approved by Senate before the next Board meeting, not just proposals approved by the Senate before the deadline for BOT agenda materials. Items not yet approved by Senate will be labeled as such on the BOT agendas and be removed if Senate does not approve them. We very much appreciate this modification to the process, which will allow proposals to move more quickly from the Senate to the Board!

The Chair reminded Senators that all new programs are now processed with Curriculog. If anyone has questions, please contact Ms. Brothers or the Chair. There is more information in the UKNow article, the November Senate newsletter, the January newsletter, and the video made by the SC Office.

The Chair reminded Senators of the curricular deadlines and asked that they share this information with their colleagues. If seeking a fall 2020 effective date, curricular proposals must be reviewed by the appropriate academic council(s) and received by the SC office by: February 3, 2020 for new degree program proposals; March 16, 2020 for other proposals requiring committee review; April 13, 2020 for courses, all other program changes, and minors.

2. Officer and Other Reports

a. Chair

The Chair announced that Jennifer Osterhage (AS) has resigned from SC and the Vice Chair position but is remaining in Senate and as Chair of Senate's Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (SAPPC). We appreciate all her hard work, her willingness to take on proposals for SAPPC review, and her spirit of kindness and collegiality. SC will hold a Vice Chair election on their February 3rd meeting. Francisco Andrade (ME) will serve the remainder of Osterhage's term (December 2020) on SC.

The Chair reported that the December Commencement was wonderful event and encourages faculty to attend in the future. About 1,800 students graduated this December and the honorary degree approved by Senate was awarded to P.G. Peeples (CEO Urban League of Lexington).

The Chair reported that SC heard a presentation from Provost Blackwell and Associate Provost for Teaching, Learning, and Academic Innovation Kathi Kern. Their discussion dealt with intellectual property (IP) rights and recording policies in classrooms. The Provost's area is working on language to create IP-related guidelines and policies regarding asking a faculty member to share their course materials, either when the work was developed by the faculty member in the regular course of their UK work, or when the faculty member received specific, additional compensation to develop the materials. There is no formal policy yet, but they continue to gather data and seek input.

The Chair explained that the second issue, of recording in classrooms, is due to concerns that classroom discussions might be posted online, including comments that students or faculty members might not feel comfortable having shared widely. Class participants might also share PowerPoints, course notes, etc., at least some of which could be content in which a faculty member has IP rights. The current, tentative sense of the discussion is that a faculty member controls what happens in the classroom, so an instructor can allow or not allow recording devices, electronics, etc. These discussions are ongoing.

The Chair thanked everyone for participating in the phased retirement survey. The responses indicated that Senators entering phased retirement while currently a Senator should be allowed to complete their Senate terms and faculty already on phased retirement should not be allowed to run for Senate. The ad hoc committee composed of Collett (HS), Grossman (AS), and Vincent (BE) are tasked with formulating a proposal to address the phased retirement survey. They will be presenting recommendations to SC in the coming weeks.

The Chair announced that SC approved a request from Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) to allow an emeritus faculty member to serve as a voting member of SREC. SC requested that the SREC develop language that clearly states that all emeritus faculty are eligible to serve as voting members on Senate committees.

The Chair reported that in accordance with SR 3.3.4 ("Automatic Deletion of Courses from Bulletin"), the regularly scheduled activity to purge unwanted courses gets underway next week. The intent is to provide better data for UK's systems (including the transfer equivalency system) that rely on the course inventory. SR 3.3.4 dictates that if a course is not taught for four years, the Registrar must remove the course description from the Bulletin. If the course IS taught within four years after removal from the Bulletin, the Registrar will restore it to the Bulletin. If the course IS NOT taught within four years after removal (total of eight years not being taught), it is officially removed from the inventory of courses. Sheila Brothers will send an email next week with a spreadsheet of courses tentatively scheduled to be purged. This email will be sent to all senators and to associate deans, department chairs, and college-level curricular contacts. If a unit faculty wants to retain the course, send Sheila Brothers an email asking that the course not be purged. The deadline for responses will be in early March. The Chair thanked our partners in Registrar's office.

b. Provost

Provost Blackwell did not have a report to give.

c. Vice Chair

There was no current Vice Chair to give a report.

d. Parliamentarian

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

e. Trustee

Trustees Bob Grossman (AS) and Lee Blonder (ME) did not have a report to give.

3. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) – Aaron Cramer (EN) Chair

i. Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Digital Media Design for Educators

Cramer explained the proposal for a new Undergraduate Certificate in Digital Media Design for Educators. There were no questions of fact. The Chair then said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the University Senate approve the establishment of a new Undergraduate Certificate in Digital Media Design for Educators, in the School of Art and Visual Studies within 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 74 in favor, none opposed, and three abstaining.

ii. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Telehealth

Cramer explained the proposal for a new Graduate Certificate in Telehealth. There were no questions of fact. The Chair then said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the University Senate approve the establishment of a new Graduate Certificate in Telehealth, in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders within the College of Health Sciences. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 71 in favor, two opposed, and three abstaining.

iii. Proposed New MS in Supply Chain Engineering

Cramer explained the proposal for a new MS in Supply Chain Engineering. There were no questions of fact. The Chair then said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the University Senate approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees, the establishment of a new MS in Supply Chain Engineering, in the Department of Mechanical Engineering within the College of Engineering. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 74 in favor, none opposed, and one abstaining.

iv. Proposed New BS in Biomedical Engineering

Cramer explained the proposal for a new BS in Biomedical Engineering. There were no questions of fact. The Chair then said that the motion on the floor was a recommendation that the University Senate approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees, the establishment of a new BS in Biomedical Engineering, in the F. Joseph Halcomb III, M.D. Department of Biomedical Engineering within the College of Engineering. Because the **motion** came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 74 in favor, one opposed, and one abstaining.

b. Senate's Research and Graduate Education Committee (SRGEC) – Susan Cantrell (ED), Chair

i. Memo of Support for Recent Graduate Education Findings

Cantrell was unavailable for the meeting so SRGEC member Douglass Kalika (EN) addressed Senate in her place. He explained that after Associate Provost Sue Roberts presented the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon panel Implementation Committee to the Senate on October 14th, the SRGEC met on November 4th with an agenda to review and discuss the panel's implementation recommendations. The SRGEC expressed agreement with and endorsement of all recommendations and crafted a memo of support for the recent graduate education findings. The memo was brought before SC on January 13th and they indicated their support and recommended that the Senate should receive the memo as well. The Chair then said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the University Senate endorse the SRGEC report and charge SC Chair with sharing the report with Provost Blackwell. Because the **motion** came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 73 in favor, none opposed, and two abstaining.

c. Senate's Advisory Committee on Diversity and Inclusion (SACDI) – Beth Guiton (AS), Chair

i. Summary of Committee Activities since Fall of 2018

Guiton shared that the SACDI was formed in 2018 and given the charge of *“increasing diversity among senators, in particular representation of underrepresented minorities; working with senior leadership to disseminate best practices for recruiting and retaining faculty of color and other underrepresented groups; and addressing other issues around diversity and inclusion as they arise.”* She shared who the members of SACDI are, a list of activities they have discussed and acted on, and future topics they plan to explore. She invited senators to reach out to the committee with topics that they would like SACDI to address.

There were no questions from Senate for Guiton, but Grossman (AS) commended the committee for working on problems and developing specific recommendations. The Chair thanked Guiton as well.

4. “One Day for UK” – Associate Vice President for Campaigns and Major Gifts Brent Pieper

The Chair welcomed Pieper. He shared updates about “One Day for UK”, a 24-hour campaign when donors are encouraged to donate to support the UK area/activity/program of their choice. He urged Senators to spread the word about the campaign and thanked them for their support.

5. Items from the Floor

There were no items raised from the floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted by, Jennifer Bird-Pollan
University Senate Council Chair

Absences: Beck, Bieber, Birdwhistell, Blackwell*, Boyle, Bradley*, Bray, Cantrell*, Capilouto, Cassis, Collins, Corso*, Cox, Curwood*, DiPaola, Fancher, Feist-Price, Firey*, Gent, Goble, Goodin, Greer*, Griggs, Guy, Hall, Hamilton, Harper, Heilig, Hicks, Jackson, Kelly, Kennedy*, Kornbluh, Lauersdorf, Lumpp, Mardini, Martin, Miller, Morgan, Mudd-Martin, Nigam, Okeson, Oltmann*, Phillips, Raissi*, Richey, Rogers, Rotkis, Saffari, Schuer, Scott*, Shaikh, Sheather, Stein*, Swartz, Tagavi*, Taylor, Tovar, Turner, Vosevich, Warren*, Weber, Wells, K. Wilson, M. Wilson, and Wright.

* Denotes an explained absence.

Invited guests present: Fazleena Badurdeen, Sheila Brothers, Marty Henton, Davy Jones, Joneen Lowman, David Pienkowski, and Brent Pieper.

Prepared by Stephanie Woolery on Friday, January 27, 2020.