**Senate Rules and Elections Committee**

**August 21, 2015**

**Present: Wood (Chair), Jones (Secretary), Brion, Brown, Grossman, Mazur, Pienkowski, Tagavi**

**1. Approval of Minutes**

The SREC approved the minutes for the Feb. 25, 2015 and April 22, 2015 meetings.

**2. Certification of Eligibility and Election of Faculty Senators From the Colleges**

Jones (Chair of the Elections Subcommittee) provided the final list of newly elected faculty senators for 2015-2018. The SREC took formal notice of the final list. The SREC then discussed circumstances concerning the newly elected faculty senator Dr. Paul Kearney (College of Medicine). The discussed circumstances included that a nonacademic university officer of the Hospital Medical Staff had written an official ‘summary suspension’ letter to Dr. Kearney (01/26/2015) stating

*“You shall not be present on the University of Kentucky campus … In addition, you shall have no contact with patients, faculty, residents, medical students or staff.”*

and that in connection with the above Dr. Kearney’s access to his email account and other link blue functions has been blocked.

The SREC determined that the above actions of the nonacademic officer are not consistent with the academic responsibilities and authorities of the University Senate, as delegated to the Senate by the Board of Trustees in its Governing Regulations and as codified in University Senate Rules. University Senate functions interfered with by the above actions include, but are not limited to the following:

1. The University Senate/Senate Council Office is not able to inform Dr. Kearney of his election to the University Senate and of an upcoming orientation exercise provided to all newly elected Senators by the Senate Council Office.

2. The University Senate Council Office is not able to inform Dr. Kearney of his appointment to Senate committees and other Senate activity assignments.

3. Dr. Kearney will not able to attend, participate in, and cast votes in upcoming University Senate meetings, as are the rights of all elected faculty senators.

Additional discussion concerned the impact that such restrictions also have on the research, instruction and service of faculty colleagues of the restricted faculty employee, as well as accesses to other rights and privileges guaranteed under SRs.

**3.  Updated Senate Rules**

The Senate Council Office provided to the SREC Chair a draft version of Senate Rules which included highlighted changes in Senate Rules during 2014-2015 pursuant to Senate actions, but apparently, renumbering and other editorial changes drafted by Robert Grossman were incorporated without highlighting. Due to the complexity of the renumbering, the SREC decided that Chair Wood will request that the Senate Council Office provide a draft of just the highlight-incorporated Senate actions of 2014-2105 into the current University Senate Rules. The SREC will as a later separate activity determine the renumbering of Senate Rules.

**4.  Editorial change to SR 1.4.4.2**

The following editorial change shall be made to the current SR 1.4.4.2:

“*The petitioner shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard by the SACPT, for the purpose of attempting to effect a resolution mutually agreeable to the President and the faculty employee.*

**5.  Agenda Items for the Coming Academic Year**

Chair Wood described that there still remains compliance issues with a draft from the College of Health Sciences of a college-wide ‘honor code’ across undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees.

**6.  Other**

Chair Wood described that an issue still unresolved by the University administration is how students are to obtain from Student Health Services a health-related excuse written by a health professional, that attests to a student’s illness, toward meeting University Senate Rules concerning excused nonattendance of class.