

University Senate

Monday, May 1, 2023

The University Senate (Senate) met in regular session at 3:00 PM on Monday, May 1, 2023, in 311 Gatton College of Business and Economics and via Zoom. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken electronically unless otherwise specified. Specific voting information can be requested from the Office of the Senate Council (SC).

Senate Council Chair DeShana Collett (HS) called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. The Chair asked Senate members attending in-person to sign in using the sign-in sheet in the back of the room. The Chair asked all Senate members to be ready to vote using Poll Everywhere and provided detailed instructions

The Chair welcomed Senate members. The Chair reminded Senate members that Senate meetings were subject to KRS 61.826 (“Open Meetings laws”) and informed senators that the session was being recorded for note-taking purposes. The Chair informed Senate members that the Senate follows Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised and asked that senators be civil and good citizens. The Chair asked Senate members to report back to those who elected them. The Chair noted that voting by proxy was prohibited.

The Chair reminded Senate members that individuals would be called upon at the Chair’s discretion and that Senate members were given first priority for speaking. The Chair reminded Senate members to keep their constituents informed by reporting back to those who elected them, noting the availability of Senate-provided listservs for each college.

The Chair asked Senate members to state their name and affiliation prior to speaking and speak loudly and clearly. The Chair provided technical guidance to Senate members regarding Zoom, noting that the chat was disabled. The Chair asked those participating via Zoom keep their camera on as much as possible with mics off unless speaking and use a quality headset with mic button. The Chair provided guidance for using the table microphones for those attending in-person.

The Chair provided guidance to Senate members for participating, or “seeking the privilege of the floor.” The Chair noted that Senate members must seek permission from the Chair to speak and described the reasons why a senator would request to speak: the distinction between point of order, motioning, question of facts and debate, and calling the question.

1. Announcements

The Chair expressed appreciation to departing senators whose terms were ending on August 15, 2023. The Chair asked Senate members to encourage colleagues to participate in Senate elections.

The Chair thanked Senate Council (SC) Vice Chair Leslie Vincent for her many roles in the Senate, noting that Vincent’s term was ending on May 30, 2023. The Chair described the many ways in which Vincent had served and Vincent’s efforts on behalf of Senate were recognized with a round of applause.

The Chair informed Senate members that an email was sent out on Monday, April 24, with information about participating in a survey sponsored by the Senate’s Teacher-Course Evaluation Ad Hoc committee. The Chair explained that the committee’s approach was to determine if there are college, course level, or instructor demographic variables that predict Teacher-Course Evaluation (TCE) scores (the current primary metric of student evaluation of teaching) and to evaluate the instructor-perceived value of TCEs. The Chair noted that the committee would use these findings to inform their recommendation.

2. Consent Agenda

a. April 10, 2023 Minutes

The Chair reported that there were clerical edits to the minutes from April 10, 2023.

b. Minutes and Activity Reports from Academic Councils and Committees

c. Proposed Suspension and Closure of BAEDU Special Education - Learning and Behavior Disorders

d. Proposed New USP between BS Health Promotion (non-teaching) and MS Health Promotion

e. Proposed Change to BSASC Animal Sciences

f. Proposed Change to MS Athletic Training

g. Proposed Change to Pharm D (PHR 915)

h. Proposed Change to Pharm D (PHR 961)

i. Proposed Change to BSBME Biomedical Engineering

j. Proposed Change to Undergraduate Certificate in Global Scholars

k. Proposed Change to MA History

l. Proposed Change to BFA Art Studio

m. Proposed Change to MSEDU Special Education

The Chair described the items on the consent agenda and asked if there were any requests to remove items from the consent agenda and there were none. There being **no objections**, the consent agenda for May 1 was adopted.

3. Officer Reports

a. Chair

The Chair reminded Senate members that the SRs gave SC and the SC Chair the authority to take some actions on behalf of Senate as long as they are reported. The Chair informed Senate members of the following actions:

- A nonstandard calendar for AES/PLS 320 was approved for the foreseeable future
- Proposed changes related to tuition refund dates were approved for the 2023 to 2024 College of Medicine Calendar
- Nine additions to the University's May and August 2023 degree lists were approved

The Chair informed Senate members that the Faculty Evaluation of the President survey had been extended, noting that additional time may accommodate more respondents given the busy time of year.

b. Vice Chair

Senate Council Vice Chair Leslie Vincent (BE) did not have a report today.

c. Parliamentarian

Senate Parliamentarian Gregg Rentfrow (AG) did not have a report today.

d. Trustees

Faculty Trustees Aaron Cramer (EN) and Hollie Swanson (ME) provided a report to Senate members. Cramer described some of the items discussed at the most recent Board of Trustees meeting. Cramer reminded Senate members to participate in the Faculty Evaluation of the President survey.

4. Degree Lists

The Chair reminded everyone present that the information about honorary degree recipients was confidential and embargoed until such time that they were announced by the University.

a. Honorary Degrees

The Chair invited Acting Dean of the Graduate School and Associate Provost for Graduate and Professional Programs Martha Peterson to present information about the candidate for the honorary degree. Peterson provided information to Senate members about the honorary degree candidate. The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation from SC for elected faculty senators to approve JR as the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate.

There was no debate. The Chair reminded Senate members that only elected faculty senators were permitted to vote on degree lists.

A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

b. Late Additions to the December 2022 Degree List (per *Senate Rules 5.5.1.1.4 ("Late Addition to Degree List")*)

i. *Graduate School Students MA-90, SMA-38, and SZ-80*

The Chair described the late addition to the December 2022 degree list. The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation from the SC for the elected faculty senators to amend the December 2022 degree list by adding the three students in question and recommend through the President to the Board of Trustees that the degree be awarded effective December 2022. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate. There was no debate.

A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

5. Update on Courses Homed in the Office of the Provost - Senior Associate Provost for Administration and Academic Affairs Katie Cardarelli

The Chair invited Senior Associate Provost for Administration and Academic Affairs Katie Cardarelli to provide an update to Senate members on courses homed in the Office of the Provost. The Chair asked Senate members to recall that Senate approved a proposal last May to create faculty oversight for a series of courses that were homed outside of a college. The Chair noted the most logical place for these courses that were previously without formal faculty oversight to be homed was within the Office of the Provost. Cardarelli provided an update to Senate members about the work of the faculty bodies responsible for courses homed in the Office of the Provost.

The Chair asked if there were any questions and there were none. The Chair thanked Cardarelli for her update.

6. Committee Reports

a. Senate Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) - Gregg Rentfrow, Chair

The Chair invited SAOSC chair Gregg Rentfrow (AG) to provide a report to Senate members.

i. *Proposed Name Change of the Department of Engineering Technology to the Fujio Cho Department of Engineering Technology*

Rentfrow explained the proposed name change of the Department of Engineering Technology to the Fujio Cho Department of Engineering Technology. The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation from the committee for the Senate to endorse the proposed name change of the Department of Engineering Technology to the Fujio Cho Department of Engineering Technology. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate.

A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with two opposed and four abstained.

ii. *Proposed Name Change of College of Agriculture, Food and Environment to the Edith Martin and Harry W. Gatton, Sr. College of Agriculture, Food and Environment*

Rentfrow explained the proposed name change of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment to the Edith Martin and Harry W. Gatton, Sr. College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation from the committee for the Senate to endorse the proposed name change of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment to the Edith Martin and Harry W. Gatton, Sr. College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate.

A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with four opposed and five abstained.

b. *Senate Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) - Sandra Bastin, Chair*

The Chair invited SAPC chair Sandra Bastin (AG) to provide a report to Senate members.

i. *Proposed New BS Statistics and Data Science*

Bastin explained the proposed new BS Statistics and Data Science. The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation from committee that Senate approve the new BS Statistics and Data Science, to offered in the Department of Statistics, in the College of Arts and Sciences. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate.

A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with one opposed and three abstained.

ii. *Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Accounting Analytics*

Bastin explained the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Accounting Analytics. The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation from committee that Senate approve the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Accounting Analytics, to be offered in the Von Allmen School of Accountancy, in the Gatton College of Business and Economics. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate.

A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed and two abstained.

c. *Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) - Leslie Vincent, Chair*

The Chair invited SAASC chair Leslie Vincent (BE) to provide a report to Senate members.

i. *Report on Issue of Homework During Finals Week*

Vincent provided a report on the issue of homework during Finals Week and described the committee's proposed changes to SR 5.2.5.7 as well as changes to the glossary. The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation from the committee for the Senate to approve the proposed

changes within *SR 5.2.5.7* as well as the glossary. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate.

Senate members discussed the following:

- Whether the committee considered exceptions for courses without final examinations or final projects
- If the definition of homework was included and what types of assignments were considered to be homework
- Whether weekends were included as due dates

Vincent clarified that the committee's thought was that an assignment could be considered as a final, but both an assignment and an exam during finals week would not be permissible. Vincent also noted that the committee determined that assignments should be due on the last day of classes, but if a student requested an extension, faculty could make the choice to provide an extension to accommodate the student.

A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with nine opposed and seven abstained.

ii. Proposed Extension of Test-Optional Admissions Pilot

The Chair explained that Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Christine Harper was the proposer. The Chair noted that the proposal was to extend the test-optional undergraduate admissions pilot that was set to expire with the entering class of 2024-2025. The Chair explained that the goal of the proposal was to extend the test optional pilot by four years (2025-26, 2026-27, 2027-28, ending with entering class of 2028-29), and continue to waive the components of *Senate Rule 4.2.1* regarding Freshman Admissions Criteria related to test score requirements.

The Chair informed Senate members that the SAASC was in favor of the test-optional pilot extension, but the SAASC did not support the version of the proposal that went to Senate Council, which did not explicitly state that faculty in colleges and programs can decide to end participation in the pilot extension if that is their desire. When the proposal was presented to the Senate Council, the SC voted to revise the proposal to include language about college faculty related to participation in the test-optional pilot and voted to send the revised version forward to the Senate with a positive recommendation.

The Chair explained that the **motion** was a recommendation from Senate Council that Senate approve the revised proposal to extend the test-optional admissions pilot, so that the pilot would end with the entering class of 2028-29. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate.

A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with six opposed and five abstained.

d. Senate Committee on Diversity and Inclusion (SCDI) - Kevin Pearson, Chair

The Chair invited SCDI chair Kevin Pearson (ME) to provide a report to Senate members.

i. Update on Activities

Pearson provided an update on activities to Senate members. Senate members asked a variety of questions about the information provided by Pearson and about SCDI activities. Topics discussed included strategies for increasing diversity among senators, affinity groups,

accessibility of Senate meetings, allocation of distribution of effort (DOE), populations used to determine demographics, and faculty retention rates for underrepresented minorities.

Pearson informed Senate members of the next SCDI meeting and issues to be addressed moving forward. The Chair thanked Pearson for his report.

e. Ad Hoc Committee on Non-Credit Bearing Education Inside and Outside of Colleges - Leslie Vincent, Chair

The Chair invited Leslie Vincent (BE) to provide a final report to Senate members.

i. *Final Report*

Vincent provided a final report to Senate members. She drew members' attention to the summary in Appendix B.

Allison Sault (AS) **moved** for Senate to approve the recommendations in the final report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Non-Credit Bearing Education Inside and Outside of Colleges. Marilyn Duncan (ME) **seconded**. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate.

Senate members briefly discussed the report. Vincent offered clarification on non-credit bearing courses versus zero-credit hour courses with a Senate approved course prefix. The Chair commented that definition recommendations in the report would be sent to SREC for codification.

A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed and seven abstained.

7. Items from the Floor

The Chair welcomed items from the floor.

Faculty Trustee Aaron Cramer (EN) commended the Chair for a job well done throughout the year and she was recognized with a round of applause.

The Chair reminded Senate members that the next Senate meeting would be held on Monday, September 11, 2023. The Chair wished Senate members a good summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 PM with **no objections**.

Respectfully submitted by,
DeShana Collett

Prepared by Katie Silver on Wednesday, May 3, 2023