

University Senate

Monday, September 11, 2023

The University Senate (Senate) met in regular session at 3:00 PM on Monday, September 11, 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 3pm. 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. **A test vote was held and 79 votes were cast.**

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 explained 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.

The Chair initiated a moment of silence for those lost during the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

The Chair wished everyone a Happy Jewish New Year.

The Chair welcomed University Senate Chair, President Eli Capilouto.

1. President Eli Capilouto, University Senate Chair

President Capilouto expressed his gratitude to the those attending the Senate meeting. He commented on the importance of the participation of faculty, staff, and students in shared governance, emphasizing the responsibility to each other and those we serve.

The President's address included a variety of topics, including record student enrollment, campus diversity and inclusion, and the strategic plan.

The President opened the floor for questions. Several questions were asked. When there were no further questions, he yielded the floor.

2. Announcements

The Chair introduced those leading the Senate, as well as the Senate Council office staff.

The Chair mentioned projects completed by office staff over the summer, including an Administrative Coordinator SOP, standardized ways of keeping data on courses and programs, review of "stuck" proposals, and creation of new forms in Curriculog.

The Chair mentioned the SC office will again partner with the Registrar's office for the annual deletion of courses from UK's inventory that have not been offered recently (SR 3.2.4.4).

3. Consent Agenda

The Chair stated she had not received any requests to remove anything from the consent agenda for discussion later, with no objections the consent agenda for September 11 was adopted.

The Chair reported that no edits were received for the minutes from May 1, 2023. There being no objections, the minutes from May 1, 2023 were approved by unanimous consent.

4. Officer Reports

a) Chair

The Chair noted that the Senate Rules (SRs) give the Chair and SC authority to take some actions on behalf of Senate as long as they are reported to Senate. The Chair listed the following changes that were made by the SC and Chair on behalf of the Senate:

- At their retreat May 15, SC approved the addition of 10 students to the May 2023 and August 2023 degree lists
- A change to 2023-24 calendar, specifically in regards to the registration windows for Fall 2023 from July 10 to July 15
- An SR waiver regarding BSN student application deadlines, to add a second admissions cycle this fall. The college did not meet state-mandated enrollment deadlines during spring cycle
- A late addition to December 2022 degree list

b) Vice Chair

The Vice Chair stressed the importance of senators being engaged in the committees they are involved with. The Vice Chair stated Senate committees are an integral part of the shared governance at the University of Kentucky.

c) Parliamentarian

The parliamentarian emphasized the purpose of Robert's Rules of Order and briefly reviewed the rules.

d) Trustees

Faculty Trustee Holly Swanson (ME) provided a brief report to Senate Members. Swanson described some of the items discussed in the most recent Board of Trustees meeting, as well as issues that will be considered in upcoming meetings.

5. Memorial Resolution for College of Engineering Professor Hans Gesund

The Chair welcomed Kaveh Tagavi (EN) to present the Memorial Resolution for Professor Hans Gesund. Brief Biography for Dr. Hans Gesund

This is to announce that Dr. Hans Gesund, Dr. Eng'g., P.E., F. ASCE, F. ACI, Professor of Structural Engineering in the faculties of Civil Engineering, Architecture, and Historic Preservation, University of Kentucky, passed away on March 17, 2023. Dr. Gesund was born September 18, 1928, in Vienna, Austria, the son of Carl and Else (Sternberg) Gesund.

Dr. Gesund earned a Bachelor of Engineering with honors from Yale University in 1950, Master of Engineering from Yale University in 1953, and Doctor of Engineering from Yale University in 1958. While completing his graduate studies, Dr. Gesund was an instructor for the Department of Civil Engineering at Yale University from 1954-1958.

Dr. Gesund joined the University of Kentucky Civil Engineering faculty as an assistant professor of Structural Engineering on July 1, 1958. He was awarded tenure and promoted to the rank of associate professor in 1959. He was promoted to the rank of Professor of Structural Engineering in 1965. Dr. Gesund retired after 66 ½ years of teaching, 62 ½ years at UK. He retired at the end of December 2020 at the age of 92.

Dr. Gesund made significant contributions to the Department of Civil Engineering. Soon after arriving in Lexington, Dr. Gesund had the opportunity to design a structural engineering laboratory and to obtain federal funding for its construction and equipment. The lab is housed in the basement and subbasement of the F. Paul Anderson Tower in the engineering quadrangle.

Dr. Gesund served on every committee of the Civil Engineering Department. He also served as Director of Undergraduate Studies and Director of Graduate Studies. Dr. Gesund served as Department Chair from 1987-1992. During that time, he was instrumental in obtaining private funding, matched by the State, for the construction of the Oliver H. Raymond Building in the engineering quadrangle. It houses the Department of Civil Engineering and the Kentucky Transportation Center. He also obtained private funding for several endowed chairs, professorships, and student scholarships in the Department.

Dr. Gesund served the College of Engineering as its representative on the University's Promotion and Tenure area committee, and for four 3-year terms each, on the University's Undergraduate Council and Graduate Council. He also served for approximately 30 years in the University Senate and its various committees. During one of his terms as a member of the Graduate Council, Dr. Gesund helped establish the Ph.D. program in the Department of Civil Engineering. Sometime after his service as Department Chair, the Civil Engineering faculty elected Hans to represent it on the College of Engineering Faculty Advisory Council.

He was re-elected multiple times and served on the Council for 21 years, 18 of them as its elected chair, until shortly before his retirement.

Civil Engineering was not Dr. Gesund's only Department. A couple of years before 1970, his friend and colleague, Professor Charles P. Graves, then Dean of the College of Architecture, asked Dr. Gesund to take over the College's Structural Design program part-time and to accept a joint appointment on the Architecture faculty. Dr. Gesund accepted and taught one or two ARC prefix courses each year until shortly before retirement. He also recruited younger faculty members and teaching assistants to handle the other Structural Design courses.

As a member of the Architecture faculty, Dr. Gesund used his experience with faculty governance to help the College transition into a College of Design with a Department of Historic Preservation, whose faculty he also joined, directing several graduate theses in the Department. He also helped the College faculty establish its Faculty Advisory Council, which he remained a member of until retirement. Over the years, Dr. Gesund has directed the dissertations of 14 Ph.D. students to successful completion and the work of many MSc. students. His research has resulted in more than 50 technical publications, many with his students. Dr. Gesund was a member of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Engineering, the American Society for Testing and Materials, and the American Society of Engineering Education. Dr. Gesund was elected to the rank of Fellow for the American Society of Civil Engineers and the American Concrete Institute. He was also inducted into four scientific and engineering honor societies: Sigma Xi, Tau Beta Pi, Chi Epsilon, and Tau Sigma Delta.

Dr. Gesund was a veteran of the Korean War. He enlisted as a private in the Connecticut National Guard in the summer of 1948. After two long and many short active-duty deployments, he retired from military service in the fall of 1968 with the rank of Major, Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army Reserve. During his 20 years of service, Hans was, at various times, a machine gunner, platoon leader, staff officer, and, for seven years, a company commander.

Not long after settling in Lexington, Dr. Gesund and his family joined Ohavay Zion Congregation. Eventually, he was elected to the Board of Trustees, on which he served for 14 years, including six years as Vice-President and President of the congregation.

Dr. Gesund was a prodigious blood donor. He had donated 28 and a half gallons (107 liters) of blood to the Central Kentucky Blood Center

Dr. Gesund was married to his loving and beloved wife, Irmgard Elias-Orth Gesund, whom he married on January 28, 1951. Dr. Gesund and his wife have two children, Ann Gesund Maoz, APRN, and Peter J. Gesund, MD (deceased), and five grandchildren, including two attorneys, a computer engineer/scientist, a physician (MD), and a psychologist. As of this writing, they have nine great-grandchildren.

Tagavi **moved** that the resolution be made a part of the minutes and a copy be sent to the family. Davis (BE) **seconded**. A **vote** was taken, the resolution **passed**.

6. Proposed Application of Senate Rules 5.5.2.3.3 (“Circumstances for Award of Honorary Degrees”)

The Chair explained the proposed change to Senate Rules 5.5.2.3.3. The Chair explained that because the **motion** comes from the Senate Council, no **second** is required. The Chair left the floor open for debate, and no hands were raised.

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

7. Proposed Changes to Senate Rules Regarding Senate Committees

The Chair explained the proposed changes to the Senate Rules regarding Senate Committees. The Chair explained that because this **motion** comes from the Senate Council, no **second** is required. The Chair opened the floor for debate.

Roger Brown (AG) **moved to amend** the language of line 155 from “...and changes in requirements, and standards for admissions decisions,” to “.... And admission standards, including selective admissions, standardized test score equivalencies, and deadlines for admission.” Debate took place.

A **vote** was taken on the amendment, and the motion **passed**, with 2 opposed.

Jason Keinsley (LS) spoke against the proposed change restricting membership to full professors for the University Senate Hearing Panel (USHP) and Senate Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure (SACPT). After a question from the Chair, Keinsley **moved** to strike the reference to “full” but retain “tenure.” Blasing (AS) **seconded**. After brief discussion, a **vote** was taken on the amendment and the motion **passed** with 16 opposed.

A **vote** took place to approve the Senate Rule Changes. The motion **passed** with nine opposed and 12 abstained.

8. Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)

No items from the floor were raised.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 pm with **no objections**.

Respectfully submitted by,
DeShana Collett

Prepared by Dori Grady on Thursday, September 28, 2023

Absences: Allison Lewis*, Jennifer Campbell*, Kirsten Turner*, Monica Udvardy*, Alison Gustafson, Antonio Garcia, Brittany Smalls, Charles Griffith, Chizimuzo Okoli, Danelle Stevens-Watkins, Eleftherios Xenos, Jack Lemon, Justin Miller, Katrice, Albert, Kristin Monroe, Kristina Hains, Lisa Cassis, Lisa Tannock, Mary Davis, Mei Chen, Monica Udvardy, Ned Crankshaw, Olivia Ellis, Philip Delcher, Robert Scroggins, Rudolph Buchheit, Sarah Hall, Scott Lephart, Stefan Bird-Pollan, Thomas Troland, Yelyzaveta Burlutska

*Denotes an explained absence