

# University Senate

Monday, October 9, 2023

The University Senate (Senate) met in regular session at 3:00 PM on Monday, October 9, 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 75 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 distribution lists for each college that will be available soon.

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.

## 1. Announcements

The Chair informed Senate members that colleges will need to hold their elections earlier than in the past, in November or December.

The Chair noted that all Senate committees should have started meeting for the year. If a senator is on a committee but they have not started meeting, please let the Senate Council office know.

## 2. Consent Agenda

The Chair reminded Senators that items on the agenda are considered adopted unless a member asks for their removal. There were no requests to remove anything from the consent agenda.

The Chair reported that there were clerical edits to the minutes from the September 11 Senate meeting. There being **no objections**, the minutes from September stand **approved as amended by unanimous consent**.

### 3. Officer Reports

#### a. Chair

The Chair announced that amendments to items on the floor will now be displayed on the screen to make it easier for Senators to understand the amendment that is under discussion.

The Chair noted that she has been working with Faculty Advancement on Sabbatical Workshops. The Chair has also been meeting with Associate Provost for Faculty Advancement, Lisa Tannock, about creating sabbatical workshops for faculty.

#### b. Vice Chair

Vice Chair Sandra Bastin (AG) had no report.

#### c. Parliamentarian

Parliamentarian Greg Rentfrow (AG) had no report.

#### d. Trustees

Faculty Trustee Aaron Cramer (EN) provided a brief report to Senate Members. Cramer 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.

### 4. Committee Reports

#### a. Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC)- Leslie Vincent, Chair

##### i. Proposed Changes to BSN Nursing

Leslie Vincent, chair of the Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee, explained the proposal to change section 10.3.1.1.4.4, the Accelerated BSN Admissions. The Chair stated there was a recommendation from the committee to approve the proposed changes. The Chair explained that the **motion** came from committee and no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate. There were no questions.

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

#### b. Senate Committee on Disability and Accommodation Compliance (SCDAC) – Cassandra Gipson-Reichardt, Chair

##### i. 2022-23 Annual Report

Cassandra Gipson-Reichardt (ME), chair of the Senate Committee on Disability and Accommodation Compliance, gave an update on committee activities for the last year. Senate members offered a variety of questions and engaged in a discussion about the report.

#### c. Senate UK Core Education Committee (SUKCEC) – Keiko Tanaka, Chair

#### i. Policy on Core Course Substitutions.

The Chair explained that there is a recommendation from Senate Council to approve the revised policy for UK Core course substitutions and codify it in the Senate Rules. Keiko Tanaka (AG), chair of the Senate UK Core Education Committee, gave a brief explanation of the revised policy. At the request of Tagavi (EN), the Chair explained that because this policy was revised after having been posted for the meeting, she needed a motion to waive the Senate Rule requiring availability of agenda items no later than six days prior to the meeting, to allow consideration of the updated policy.

Bob Grossman (AS) **moved** to waive the Senate Rule on receiving supporting documentation six days in advance and allow consideration of the updated policy. Molly Blasing (AS) **seconded**. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with three opposed and seven abstained.

The Chair explained that the revised policy was on the floor and a motion was needed to approve it.

Robert Lodder (PH) **moved** to approve the revised policy and codify it in the Senate Rules. Cassandra Gipson-Reichardt (ME) **seconded**. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate. Senate members offered a variety of comments and engaged in a robust discussion about the policy.

Allison Soult (AS) **moved** to call the question. Robert Lodder (PH) **seconded**. Greg Rentfrow, Parliamentarian, stated this motion required a two-thirds majority. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with seven opposed and 11 abstained.

A **vote** was taken to approve the revised policy and codify it in the SR. The motion **passed**, with three opposed and 12 abstained.

#### 5. Old Business

##### a. Update on CIP Changes from 2022-23 - Director of Planning and Accreditation RaeAnne Pearson ([PDF](#))

The Chair introduced RaeAnne Pearson, Director of Planning and Accreditation, who gave a brief explanation of CIP codes. Pearson provided an update on CIP changes over the last year.

#### 6. University Appeals Board (UAB) Report 2022-23– Julia Costich, UAB Chair

Julia Costich (PbH), University Appeals Board chair, explained the purpose of the UAB and provided a report on UAB activities over the last year. Costich opened the floor for questions. A variety of questions and comments were posed, including concern over why retroactive withdrawal cases would go to the UAB when there is already a Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee in place. Costich clarified that Retroactive Withdrawal cases only come to the attention of the UAB when they fall outside of the Committee's purview.

#### 7. Preliminary Discussion on Excused and Unexcused Absences

The Chair gave a brief explanation of the Senate Rules regarding excused and unexcused absences. The Chair explained the goal for this agenda item was to have a discussion on the charge and composition of an ad hoc committee to address this rule. The Chair opened the floor for discussion.

A variety of comments were heard from Senate members, including:

- Issues with receiving excuse notes from University Health Services and the need to involve Health Services in the ad hoc committee.
- The rule is unclear about military absences at the beginning of the semester.
- The impact distance learning had made on how we view perceived absences.
- There are two ways of thinking about why attendance is important, that students are required to attend for the dissemination of knowledge, or that students are required to attend to participate in activities.
- The need to involve the Disability Resource Center in the committee
- Faculty's lack of confidence in the current 20% rule and the need to clarify this

#### 8. Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)

Roger Brown (AG), chair of the Senate Rules and Elections Committee, reminded Senators to make nominations for the three open seats on the Senate Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01pm with no objections.

Respectfully submitted by,

DeShana Collett

Prepared by Dori Grady on Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Absences: Alison Gustafson, Alison Lewis, Amanda Potterton, Brian Murtha, Charles Griffith, Danelle Stevens-Watkins, Hollie Swanson, Jake Lemon, Jeffrey Okeson, Julianna Ossege\*, Justin Miller, Katrice Albert, Kirsten Turner, Kristina Hains, Leon Sachs, Lisa Cassis, Lisa Tannock, Mary Davis, Ned Crankshaw, Olivia Davis, Olivia Ellis, Omer Arain\*, Richard Charnigo, Rodney Guy, Rudolph Buchheit, Sandra Bastin, Scott Lephart, Simon Sheather, Theodore Kalbfleisch\*, Thomas Seigler, TK Logan\*, Warren Harris, Yelyzaveta Burlutska

\*Denotes an explained absence