

University Senate

Monday, February 13, 2023

The University Senate (Senate) met in regular session at 3:00 PM on Monday, February 13, 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 explained how to use 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 announced that Gregg Hall (GS) had stepped away from chair responsibilities for the Senate Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC). The Chair noted her appreciation for Gregg Rentfrow (AG) stepping into the role of chair for SAOSC.

The Chair reminded Senate members that Senate recently approved badges as a new credential, noting that there were a number of badges proposed and used during the pilot period. The Chair explained those badges must go through the official Senate approval process and that units would need to submit request for approval by December 2023.

2. Consent Agenda

The Chair explained that items on the consent agenda are considered adopted unless a member asks to remove an item, for discussion later in the meeting. Senate members can ask to remove an item well before the meeting, or at the time the consent agenda would be adopted.

- a. January 23, 2023 Minutes
- b. Minutes Activity Reports from Academic Councils and Committees

The Chair reported that clerical edits were received to the minutes from January 23, 2023.

The Chair asked if there were any request to remove items from the consent agenda and there were none. There being no objections, the consent agenda for February 13 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 action.

- The SC approved changes to the 2022-23 and 2023-24 Academic Calendars regarding the time period during which students could not change majors

The Chair added that SC approved the academic calendars for Law, Medicine, and Dentistry and those calendars would be placed on a 10-day post in the near future for final Senate approval.

The Chair informed Senate members that concerns were raised at the previous SC meetings regarding an 11% threshold for sabbaticals. The Chair explained that she had spoken with the Provost about this and noted that he would be reporting back to SC on February 20 with an update.

The Chair stated the SC heard a report from the Senate Committee on Disability Accommodation and Compliance (SCDAC) on their recent benchmarking activities. The Chair explained the committee had looked into best practices for engaging faculty in processes surrounding reasonable accommodations. The committee was scheduled to meet with a representative from Oregon State University (OSU) to discuss how that university involved faculty. The Chair informed Senate members that a senior UK administrator (non-member) reached out to their counterpart at OSU to express concern about the communication between UK and OSU. This overreach caused confusion and raised concerns about administrative interference in Senate committee work. The Chair stated that Senate committees do not require administrative permission to conduct their work. The Chair explained SC met with the UK administrator and their direct supervisor on January 30 for a discussion, which reiterated the roles and responsibilities of the Senate, as well as the Senate's authority.

The Chair informed Senate members that the Senate Nominating Committee (SNC) was working diligently to present nominees to SC for recommendation to the administration. Nominees were recently presented for the Academic Ombud search committee and Executive Vice President for Health Affairs (EVPHA) search committee. The Chair noted the composition of the EVPHA search committee was announced prior to receiving SC's nominees. The Chair explained she had asked the Provost to wait to announce committee compositions until all members were confirmed, noting it hampered the ability of nominees to be responsive to the faculty they represent if no one knows they are serving in that role.

b. Vice Chair

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

c. Parliamentarian

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. Swanson informed Senate members of upcoming items that would be discussed at the February 17 Board of Trustees meeting.

4. Degree Recipients

The Chair reminded Senate members that per Kentucky state law and the *SRs*, only senators who were elected by college faculty members were eligible to vote on degree lists.

a. Spring 2023 Social Work Graduates at Ft. Sam Houston

The Chair explained the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation for elected faculty senators approve the revised Spring 2023 degree list for the College of Social Work graduates at Fort Sam Houston, 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 questions of fact and debate. There were no questions or debate. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed or abstained.

b. Late Addition Degree List (per *Senate Rules 5.5.1.1.4 ("Late Addition to Degree List")*)

i. *Graduate School Student PE-93, for December 2007 Degree List*

The Chair explained the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation for elected faculty senators to amend the December 2007 degree list by adding the MA Classics for Student PE-93 and recommend through the President to the Board of Trustees that the degree be awarded effective December 2007. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to questions of fact and debate.

Kaveh Tagavi (EN) asked if the student mistakenly received a diploma or if the transcript showed the student graduated even though they did not receive their degree. Acting Dean of the Graduate School Martha Peterson explained she was unsure about the diploma, but believed the issue came up recently when the student didn't find the degree on their transcript.

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

ii. *Graduate School Student FB-99, for December 2022 Degree List*

The Chair explained the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation for elected faculty senators to amend the December 2022 degree list by adding the PhD Hispanic Studies for Graduate School Student FB-99 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 questions of fact and debate. There were no questions or debate. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed or abstained.

5. Request for Waiver of *SR 5.1.7.5.1 ("Retroactive Withdrawal," "Requirements")* for College of Communication and Information Studies Student HA-65

The Chair informed Senate members that the cover page for the request explained the circumstances in detail. The Chair had spoken with College of Communication and Information Dean Jennifer Greer multiple times about the issue, noting that Greer supports a waiver of *SR 5.1.7.5.1* regarding the two-year time frame. The Chair noted SC also recommended approval of the waiver and that Dean Greer was attending should any questions arise.

The Chair stated the **motion** was for Senate to approve the waiver of the two-year limit in *SR 5.1.7.5.1* for CI student HA-65. Because motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact and debate.

Kaveh Tagavi (EN) asked if Senate members could be provided with more specific details about the student's situation to make an informed vote. Tagavi also noted he did not believe the purpose of the authority for waiving the *SRs* was for specific students. The Chair responded that there were a number of factors that contributed to the request, including administrative oversight and extreme personal circumstances for the student. The Chair stated specific details could identify the student and therefore would not be publicized. The Chair explained that former SC Chair Aaron Cramer (EN) provided guidance to the deans during the 2021-2022 academic year for requesting such waivers pertaining to the two-year rule. Cramer described a process by which a dean could make such a request on behalf of the student, if the dean felt the circumstances were particularly extraordinary. The Chair asked Dean Greer if she had anything to add. Greer commented that in her 20 years as an administrator, this was one of the more extreme cases she had encountered, thus justifying the rationale for coming before the Senate to make the request. Past SC Chair and Faculty Trustee Aaron Cramer (EN) stated that the *SR* Tagavi was referring to allowed for waiver of any of the *SRs*. Cramer noted this allowed the Senate Chair, the SC Chair, or the SC to request Senate waive the *SRs*. Cramer explained that the process by which a dean would make the request on the student was so the request could be placed in front of SC to be placed on a Senate agenda. Cramer commented that the Senate did not need permission to waive the rule and that Senate could change the rule if they wanted to.

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

6. Update on UK's Quality Enhancement Program (QEP): "Transdisciplinary Education Approaches to Advance Kentucky (TEK)"

The Chair invited QEP Committee Co-Chairs Susan Cantrell (ED) and Provost Bob DiPaola to provide an update on the QEP. The Chair noted the next agenda item for the proposed new faculty body for TEK courses was related to this update. Cantrell and Provost DiPaola gave a presentation to Senate members about the QEP.

Senate members asked a variety of questions about assessment tools, course development, and transdisciplinary collaborations. Provost DiPaola added there would be opportunities to apply as faculty fellows for sections within TEK coursework. He noted that faculty would be compensated for working within these opportunities and recognized the time investment associated with the work towards the societal problems that such coursework would explore. Cantrell commented that existing transdisciplinary teams could apply to create new courses or retool existing courses to be involved with the TEK coursework.

7. Proposed New Faculty Body for TEK Courses

The Chair explained the proposed new faculty body for TEK courses. The Chair stated the **motion** was for Senate to approve the proposed faculty body for TEK-prefixed courses. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact and debate.

Roger Brown (AG) asked about the list of the inaugural faculty in the proposal and whether there was a distinction between the faculty and the committee, noting it seemed odd to have a student listed. Cramer commented that the six faculty members in the list would have voting status on educational policy.

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

8. Committee Reports

- a. Senate Committee on Disability Accommodation and Compliance (SCDAC) - Julie Ossege, Chair
- i. *Proposed Changes to Senate Rules 1.4.2.20.2.4 ("Senate Committee on Disability Accommodation and Compliance (SCDAC)," "Ex Officio Nonvoting Membership")*
- The Chair explained the proposed changes to SR 1.4.2.20.2.4. The Chair stated the **motion** was for Senate to approve the proposed changes to SR 1.4.2.20.2.4. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate. A clerical error was noted (list was of three ex officio members, not four). A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with one opposed and two abstained.
- b. Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) - Leslie Vincent, Chair
- i. *Four BSN Proposals and Associated Senate Rule Changes*
- BSN Nursing (ABSN admissions GPA and deadlines)
 - BSN Nursing (pre-nursing admissions (including GPA) and RN-BSN admissions window)
 - ~~BSN Nursing (change GPA to be same for all applicants)~~
 - BSN Nursing (provisional admissions)
- The Chair explained that the proposer, Darlene Welsh (NU), requested that one of the BSN proposals be removed from the agenda, noting that the faculty still wanted the proposal to move forward, but that some clarifications were necessary before doing so. Vincent explained the BSN proposals. The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation for Senate to approve the three changes to the BSN Nursing. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate. There were no questions or debate. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with two opposed and one abstained.
- ii. *Proposed Change to MS Epidemiology*
- Vincent explained the proposed change to MS Epidemiology. The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation for Senate to approve the changes to the MS Epidemiology. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate. There were no questions or debate. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed or abstained.
- iii. *Proposed Changes to DMD Dentistry - Senate Rules 10.5.2.4 ("Attendance and Academic Discipline in the Professional Programs," "College of Dentistry")*
- Vincent explained the proposed changes to the DMD Dentistry. The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation for Senate to approve the changes to the DMD Dentistry. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate. There were no questions or debate. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.
- iv. *Proposed Change to Senate Rules 4.2.2.1.1 ("Graduate School," "Admission Requirements") and Senate Rules 4.2.2.2.1 ("Graduate School," "International Applicants")*
- Vincent explained the proposed changes to SR 4.2.2.1.1. The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation for Senate to approve the changes to the SR 4.2.2.1.1. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate. There were no questions or debate. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with four opposed and three abstained.

c. Senate Distance and e-Learning Committee (SCDLeL) - Sara Police, Chair

i. *Proposed Change to MSNS Nutritional Science (online)*

The Chair explained that Sara Police (ME) was the proposer, so Akiko Takenaka (AS) would be presenting the proposal. Takenaka explained the proposer change to the MSNS Nutritional Science. The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation for Senate to approve the changes to the MSNS Nutritional Science and be offered online. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate. There were no questions or debate. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with four opposed and none abstained.

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

i. *Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Leadership for Early Childhood and Family Policy (online)*

Bastin explained the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Leadership For Early Childhood and Family Policy. The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation for Senate to approve the Graduate Certificate in Leadership For Early Childhood and Family Policy and be offered online. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate. There were no questions or debate. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed and two abstained.

e. Senate Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) - Roger Brown, Chair

i. *Proposed Change to SR 5.3.2.2 ("Repeat Option," "Graduate Students")*

Brown explained the proposed change to SR 5.3.2.2 ("*Repeat Option*," "*Graduate Students*"). The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation for Senate to approve the proposed change to SR 5.3.2.2 ("*Repeat Option*," "*Graduate Students*"). Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate. There were no questions or debate.

Senate members asked questions about terminology used in the proposed change, as well as about courses that are repeatable.

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

University Registrar Kim Taylor noted that grades for courses approved for repeatability were not flagged by the system as a repeated course, so long as the course was approved through the curricular approval process for repeatability.

f. Senate Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) – Gregg Rentfrow, Chair

i. *Proposed Name Change from College of Education to College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences - SECOND READING AND VOTE*

The Chair noted that college name changes happen infrequently but were always substantive. Rentfrow explained the proposed name change from the College of Education to the College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences. The Chair explained the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation for Senate to endorse the proposed name change of the College of Education to the College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate.

College of Education senators raised concerns about the *SR* processes pertaining to the letters from other colleges, how many faculty members were polled in the other colleges, and whether resubmission of letters in opposition were reported to college faculty by respective deans. Senate members from other colleges expressed concerns about whether enough feedback was solicited from other colleges before the proposal left the College of Education.

A **vote** was taken, and the motion **failed** with 30 in favor, 49 opposed, and 13 abstained. The Chair commented that this vote result would be forwarded to the Provost and the President.

9. Proposed Change to *Senate Rules 1.4.2.18.3* (“*Senate Academic Advising Committee,*” “*Voting Student Members*”)

The Chair explained the proposed change to *SR 1.4.2.18.3*, noting that SGA President Andrew Laws was in support of the change. The Chair stated the **motion** was for Senate to approve the proposed change to *SR 1.4.2.18.3*. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate. There were no questions or debate. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with two opposed and three abstained.

10. Items from the Floor

Time did not permit for items from the floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 pm with **no objections**.

Respectfully submitted by,
University Senate Secretary Leslie Vincent

Prepared by Katie Silver on Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Absences: Angie Martin, Ashley York, Beth Guiton, Caroline Slicer, Charles Griffith, Chizimuzo Okoli, Christine Harper, Craig Collins, Daisy Mee, Eli Capilouto, Gina Dugas, Heather Bush, Jack Reynolds, Jurgen Rohr, Justin Miller, Katrice Albert, Kiersten White, Kirsten Turner, Laneshia Conner, Lisa Cassis, Mark Birdwhistell, Mark O'Bryan, Mary Vosevich, Michelle Sizemore, Mohammad Awad, Ned Crankshaw, Nolan Pringnitz, Olivia Ellis, Patrick Haycraft, Patti Doud, Rodney Guy, Rudolph Buchheit, Sean Pepper, Sue Nokes, Thomas Seigler, Tom Harris