

University Senate

Monday, March 20, 2023

The University Senate (Senate) met in regular session at 3:00 PM on Monday, March 20, 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 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 announced that Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) site visitors were on campus this week, noting that many University faculty and staff administrators were working to ensure a successful visit. The Chair informed Senate members that she had been invited to two accreditation-related meetings in the next few days.

The Chair informed Senate members that the SC office was looking for assistance with their website, noting that Drupal 9 expertise was needed. The Chair commented that the Office of the Provost was willing to provide funding for an overload assignment for such assistance.

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. February 13, 2023 Minutes
- b. Minutes and Activity Reports from Academic Councils and Committees

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 March 20 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.

The Chair reported that on behalf of the Senate, she approved a one-time request for distance learning (DL) delivery for ENT/BIO 625 and CS 628.

The Chair informed Senate members that with the assistance of the Senate Nominating Committee (SNC), the SC sent forward nominees for the following committees:

- Summative Review Committee for Gatton College of Business and Economics Dean Simon Sheather
- Summative Review Committee for College of Engineering Dean Rudy Buchheit
- Associate Provost for Faculty Advancement Search Committee

The Chair asked Senate members to submit their name to SNC Chair Bob Grossman (AS) if they were interested in serving on these types of ad hoc administrative committees.

The Chair announced that she met with President Capilouto in mid-February and raised concerns about faculty (and staff) feeling unsafe when dealing with challenging student interactions. The Chair noted that she formally requested a response from President Capilouto and Provost DiPaola about how they would respond to the questions and concerns raised by senators and SC members in December and January.

b. Vice Chair

Senate Council Vice Chair Leslie Vincent (BE) informed Senate members that an email would be distributed soon asking for nominations for the Outstanding Senator Award (OSA). Vincent explained that current and former Senate members were eligible but noted that current SC members were not eligible. Vincent asked Senate members to include a letter or some form of rationale when submitting nominations.

c. Parliamentarian

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

d. Trustees

Faculty Trustee Aaron Cramer (EN) provided a report to Senate members. Cramer provided a summary of the items discussed at the most recent Board of Trustees meeting in February. Cramer noted that President Capilouto gave a speech about academic freedom and institutional independence and provided information about academic freedom and how it is related to teaching, research, and service, including participation in institutional governance. Cramer encouraged Senate members to participate in the upcoming Faculty Trustee election.

4. Committee Reports

a. 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 PhD Linguistics*

Bastin explained the proposed new PhD Linguistics in the Department of Linguistics in the College of Arts and Sciences. The Chair stated the **motion** from the committee was for Senate to approve the new PhD Linguistics in the Department of Linguistics in the College of Arts and Sciences. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened to the floor to members for questions of fact and debate. There was no discussion.

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

ii. *Proposed New BA Sport Leadership*

Bastin explained the proposed new BA in Sport Leadership. The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation from SAPC for the Senate to approve the proposed new BA Sport Leadership, in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion, within the College of Education. 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 discussion.

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

iii. *Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Globally Competent Teaching*

Bastin explained the proposed new Undergraduate Certificate in Globally Competent Teaching. The Chair stated the **motion** was for the Senate to approve the proposed new Undergraduate Certificate in Globally Competent Teaching in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, within the College of Education. 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 discussion.

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

iv. *Proposed New USP between BS Biosystems Engineering and MS Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering*

Bastin explained the proposed new USP between BS Biosystems Engineering and MS Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering. The Chair stated the **motion** was for the Senate to approve the proposed new USP between the BS Biosystems Engineering and MS Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering. 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 discussion.

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

b. 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. *Proposed Changes to Senate Rules 4 ("Rules Relating to Admission to the University")*

Vincent explained the proposed changes to *SR 4 ("Rules Relating to Admission to the University")*. The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation from the committee for the Senate to approve the proposed changes to *SR 4 ("Rules Relating to Admission to the University")*, effective Fall 2023. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate.

Faculty Trustee Aaron Cramer (EN) asked if the proposed changes said anything about an undergraduate waitlist. Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Christine Harper noted that the changes did not include information about a waitlist, noting that waitlists were

not common. The Chair commented that Vincent's committee could have a discussion about waitlist formulas and procedures. Molly Blasing (AS) asked about inconsistencies between undergraduate and graduate admissions language about English language requirements. Harper commented that such revisions would be included in the next proposed change.

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

ii. *Proposed Change to Graduate Certificate in International Education*

Vincent explained the proposed change to the Graduate Certificate in International Education. The Chair stated that the **motion** was a recommendation from the committee for the Senate to approve the proposed changes to the Graduate Certificate in International Education. 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 discussion.

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

iii. *Proposed Change to Doctor of Nursing Practice*

Vincent explained the proposed change to the Doctor of Nursing Practice. The Chair stated that the **motion** was a recommendation from the committee for the Senate to approve the proposed changes to the Doctor of Nursing Practice. 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 discussion.

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

c. Undergraduate Council (UC) - Kristine Urschel, Chair

The Chair invited UC Chair Kristine Urschel (AG) to provide a report to Senate members.

i. *Proposed Changes to Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (GCCR) in Senate Rules*

Urschel explained the proposed changes to the Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (GCCR) in the Senate Rules. The Chair stated the motion was a recommendation from the UC that the Senate approved the proposed changes to the Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (GCCR) in the Senate Rules. 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 how UC planned to evaluate rigor based on the broad parameters proposed by UC.

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

d. Graduate Council (GC) - Martha Peterson, Chair

The Chair invited Acting Graduate School Dean and GC Chair Martha Peterson (GS) to provide a report to Senate members.

i. *Proposed Changes to SR 1.3.3.3 ("Graduate Council," "Composition")*

Peterson explained the proposed changes to SR 1.3.3.3 ("Graduate Council," "Composition"). The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation from the GC to approve the proposed changes to SR 1.3.3.3 ("Graduate Council," "Composition"), effective immediately. 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 discussion.

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

e. Senate Calendar Committee (SCC) - Richard Charnigo, Chair

The Chair invited SCC Chair Richard Charnigo (PbH) to provide a report to Senate members.

i. *Proposed Change to Senate Rules 2*

Charnigo explained the proposed changes to *Senate Rules (SR) 2*. The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation from the committee for the Senate to approve the proposed changes to *SR 2*, effective Fall 2023. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate.

Allison Sault (AS) **moved** to amend the proposed changes to include winter holidays (i.e. Christmas and New Year's Day) that did not always occur on specific weekdays to be included with other holidays for observance exceptions. Olivia Davis (BE) **seconded**. There were **no objections** to this amendment.

Molly Blasing (AS) **moved** to amend the proposed changes to specify that spring semester classes should begin on or sometime between January 7th through January 13th. Marilyn Duncan (ME) **seconded**. There were **no objections** to this amendment.

Roger Brown (AG) **moved** to amend the proposal to keep the table mentioned in *SR 2.1.2.5 ("Summary")* instead of removing it as the proposal suggested. Rosie Lanphere (ED) **seconded**. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate. Henry Dietz (EN) commented that it seemed the table would likely cause problems and cause confusion in the future. University Registrar Kim Taylor commented that the 5-year structural calendar would provide the information previously found in the table and would be posted the registrar's website to be easily accessible for anyone who wished to find that information. A **vote** was taken, and the amendment to include the table mentioned in *SR 2.1.2.5* **passed** with 37 approved, 21 opposed, and 17 abstained.

A **vote** was taken, and the motion to approve the proposed changes to *SR 2* as revised **passed** with two opposed and seven abstained.

f. 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 Anesthesiology to the Department of Anesthesiology, Perioperative, Critical Care and Pain Medicine*

Rentfrow explained the proposed name change of the Department of Anesthesiology to the Department of Anesthesiology, Perioperative, Critical Care and Pain Medicine. The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation from the SAOSC that the Senate endorse the proposed name change of the Department of Anesthesiology to the Department of Anesthesiology, Perioperative, Critical Care and Pain Medicine. 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 name change and some grammatical concerns. The proposer, Zaki Hassan (ME) explained that this change aligned the department better with other nationally recognized programs. Bob Grossman (AS) asked if the proposer was amenable to a grammatical change, and the proposer was. Grossman **moved** to amend the proposed name change to the Department of Anesthesiology, Perioperative and Critical Care, and Pain Medicine. Marilyn

Duncan (AS) **seconded**. A **vote** was taken, and the amendment **passed** six opposed and nine abstained.

A **vote** was taken by show of hands, and the **amended** motion to endorse the proposed name change of the Department of Anesthesiology to the Department of Anesthesiology, Perioperative and Critical Care, and Pain Medicine **passed** with none opposed and three abstained.

ii. *Proposed Closure of Undergraduate Certificate in Directing Forensics*

Rentfrow explained the proposed closure of the Undergraduate Certificate in Directing Forensics. The Chair stated the **motion** from the committee was for Senate to approve the closure of the Undergraduate Certificate in Directing Forensics. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened to the floor to members for questions of fact and debate.

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

iii. *Proposed Suspension and Closure of Graduate Certificate in Structural Engineering*

Rentfrow explained the proposed suspension and closure of the Graduate Certificate in Structural Engineering. The Chair stated the **motion** from the committee was for Senate to approve the suspension and closure of the Graduate Certificate in Structural Engineering. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened to the floor to members for questions of fact and debate.

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

iv. *Proposed Suspension and Closure of Graduate Certificate in Human Technology Interaction*

Rentfrow explained the proposed suspension and closure of the Graduate Certificate in Human Technology Interaction. The Chair stated the **motion** from the committee was for Senate to approve the suspension and closure of the Graduate Certificate in Human Technology Interaction. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened to the floor to members for questions of fact and debate.

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

g. Senate UK Core Education Committee (SUKCEC) - Keiko Tanaka, Chair

The Chair invited SUKCEC Chair Keiko Tanaka to provide a report to Senate members.

i. *Update on Activities*

Tanaka provided an update to Senate members about SUKCEC activities. Tanaka discussed UK Core assessment, UK Core exception procedures for education abroad (EA) courses, the course substitution policy for students with math learning disabilities (MLD), SUKCEC composition, and how the University's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) and TEK courses could be integrated with UK Core. Tanaka explained that the 2021-2022 assessment results of UK Core yielded an improved, yet low, participation rate, and indicated misalignments between artifacts (i.e. assignments) and UK Core area student learning outcomes (SLOs). Tanaka also described revised procedures for UK Core exception for EA courses and explained issues surrounding the decision-making process for course substitutions for students with math learning disabilities. Tanaka informed Senate members that proposals would be forthcoming from the committee about UK Core assessment, UK Core exceptions, course substitutions, and the SUKCEC composition.

Tanaka noted the committee also planned to discuss how TEK 200 and TEK 300 courses could be embedded in the UK Core program.

The Chair asked if there were any questions. Senior Associate Provost for Administration and Academic Affairs Kathryn Cardarelli commended Tanaka and the committee for their tremendous work and enthusiasm. The Chair thanked Tanaka and the committee for their work.

5. Artificial Intelligence in the Classroom – Trey Conatser, Director of the Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching

The Chair introduced Director of the Center for the Enhance of Learning and Teaching (CELT), Trey Conatser. Conatser provided a presentation to Senate members about artificial intelligence (AI) in the classroom. Conatser offered information about AI as it related to academic integrity, assignment design, writing-based learning and assessment, disciplinary differences, and the changing role of technology in learning.

Senate members asked a variety of questions about workshops for assignment design, whether the use of AI could be prohibited, and procedures for bringing forward plagiarism that used AI.

The Chair thanked Conatser for his presentation.

6. Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)

Time did not permit for items from the floor.

The Chair reminded Senate members that the next Senate meeting would take place on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 3:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 PM with **no objections**.

Respectfully submitted by,
DeShana Collett

Prepared by Katie Silver on Tuesday, March 21, 2023

Absences: Ana Franco-Watkins, Andrew Laws, Angie Martin, Antonio Garcia, Ashley York, Beth Guiton*, Caroline Slicer, Charles Griffith, Chizimuzo Okoli, Colleen Swartz, Craig Collins, Daisy Mee, Douglas Way, Eli Capilouto, Emma Doyle, Gina Dugas, Gregory Hall, Jack Reynolds, Jonathan Chait, Justin Miller, Katrice Albert, Kaveh Tagavi*, Kenneth Calvert, Kenneth Troske, Kirsten Turner, Kristina Hains, Lisa Cassis, Mark Birdwhistell, Mark O'Bryan, Martha Yip, Mary Davis, Mary Vosevich, Mei Chen*, Michelle Sizemore, Mohammad Awad, Najiya Clayborn, Nancy Cox, Ned Crankshaw, Nolan Pringnitz, Olivia Ellis, Patrick Haycraft, Patti Doud, Ramakrishnan Pakath, Rece Carter, Robert Coleman*, Robert DiPaola, Rodney Guy, Rudolph Buchheit, Sara Police, Scott Lephart, Sue Nokes, Taylor Williams, Thomas Troland*, Tom Harris, ToniMarie Marchioni*

**denotes absence explained*