

University Senate

Monday, November 13, 2023

The University Senate (Senate) met in regular session at 3:00 PM on Monday, November 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 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 65 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.

The Chair suggested that prior to getting into the agenda, the Senate move to waive Senate Rules 1.2.3.3 (“Agendas and Action Items”) because not all agenda items were available to senators six days in advance. Grossman (AS) **moved** to waive the requirement in SR 1.2.3.3 for all items to be available six days in advance for the November 13 Senate meeting and Salt (NU) **seconded**. There was no discussion; a **vote** was taken and the motion passed with one abstained.

1. President Eli Capilouto, University Senate Chair

The Chair welcomed UK President Eli Capilouto, University Senate Chair. President Capilouto described the recent charge by the Board of Trustees to invigorate certain areas of the University. He gave a broad

overview of how he intended to fulfil the Board's charge and spoke for approximately 45 minutes. When he was finished with his address, he answered a number of questions from senators. The Chair thanked the President and he returned to his seat.

2. Announcements

The Chair reminded senators that the Senate Council office has distribution lists for senators to use, to communicate with their college constituents. She also commented on the Senate's new website and asked senators to let office staff know if they encounter any broken links, etc.

3. 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 October 13 Senate meeting. There being **no objections**, the minutes from October stand **approved as amended by unanimous consent**.

4. Officer Reports

a. Chair – DeShana Collett

The Chair (HS) said her report was primarily about the campuswide initiatives. SC has already been having discussions and he is aware of those. There was a short turnaround time for nominees to serve on the five committees, but SC identified some faculty with expertise who will be a good fit.

b. Vice Chair – Sandra Bastin

Vice Chair Bastin (AG) stated that the Senate would be awarding three awards – two for Outstanding Senator and one for Outstanding Senate Service.

Bastin described the first Outstanding Senator Award recipient as follows:

This year's recipient of the Outstanding Senator Award has demonstrated exemplary dedication to the University Senate throughout their tenure. Serving on multiple Senate committees, including SAPC, and being elected to and actively participating in the Senate Council during the challenging times of the Covid pandemic, this Senator has truly stood out. Beyond their regular responsibilities, this outstanding Senator generously contributed their time to various ad hoc and subcommittees. Notably, when the Calendar committee was established by the Senate, this Senator was entrusted with the role of Chair. His exceptional attention to detail in reviews and communications regarding the university calendars makes the committee's work seamless. It is with great pleasure that we announce Richard Charnigo, a distinguished Senator from the College of Public Health, as the recipient of the Outstanding Senator Award. THANK YOU,

Richard, and we extend our heartfelt thanks for your exceptional contributions to the University Senate.

Charnigo (PbH) was given a round of applause in recognition of his contributions. The Chair said that she would see that his clock award would be mailed to him.

Bastin described the second Outstanding Senator Award recipient as follows:

This year's recipient for the Outstanding Senator Award has demonstrated exemplary service to the University Senate over her tenure as a Senator. This Senate chair is one of those rare leaders who facilitates robust discussions that brings forward high-quality proposals, while maintaining the good will of proposers (who want everything reviewed and approved yesterday) and reviewers (who wonder why the proposers can't answer simple questions). Under her leadership, the committee also identified a number of policy concerns and questions and was able to clarify these issues. This person has worked tirelessly as the Chair of Senate Committee on Distance Learning and e-Learning, especially during an extremely busy time of many new Distance Learning proposals. We are pleased to present the Outstanding Senator Award to Dr. Sara Police, College of Medicine Senate Representative. THANK YOU, Sara, for all that you have done on behalf of University Senate.

Police (ME) was given a round of applause by senators. The Chair and Vice Chair gave Police (ME) a commemorative clock and pictures were taken.

Bastin described the Outstanding Senate Service Award nominee as follows:

The Undergraduate Council at the University Senate spends a tremendous amount of time considering proposals for all courses numbered 100-499G and provides recommendations to the Graduate Council recommendations for all courses numbered 500-599. It considers all proposed new undergraduate programs, changes in undergraduate programs, including degree titles, from all colleges offering an undergraduate degree. Further, it considers all changes in the University requirements. This process is tedious and time-consuming and requires dedication on the part of the Chair. This year's nominee has been described as competent, organized, and responsive. She has made substantive contributions to the Senate while working with the faculty at large on important issues that impact the faculty mission at the University of Kentucky. Therefore, Dr. Kristine Urschel, MG College of Agriculture, Food and Environment is very deserving of the Outstanding Senate Service Award. Kristine, THANK YOU, for your tireless efforts in leading this monumental committee on behalf of University Senate.

Urschel (AG) was given a round of applause in appreciation of her work. The Chair and Vice Chair gave Urschel (AG) a commemorative clock and pictures were taken.

c. Parliamentarian – Gregg Rentfrow

Rentfrow (AG) had no report

d. Trustees – Hollie Swanson and Aaron Cramer

Swanson (ME) provided general information about the Board of Trustees' recent retreat. She described the backdrop for the trustee discussions that were the impetus for the new five campuswide initiative committees, as described in the Board's Chair Report 1. She noted that after the Chair Report 1 was made available to trustees, she, Trustee Cramer (EN), and the Chair (HS) worked on the language to ensure the Board's language continued to delegate educational policymaking to the Senate.

5. Degree Recipients

a. December 2023 Degree List

The Chair described the item and provided information about the degree list process. She stated that the **motion** from the Senate Council was a recommendation that the elected faculty senators approve the December 2023 degree list and recommend through the President to the Board of Trustees that the degrees be awarded effective December 2023. Because the motion came from a committee, no **second** was required. The Chair stated that there had not been any edits to the list and asked if there was any debate but there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion to approve **passed** with three abstained.

6. Committee Reports

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

i. Proposed Change to BA US Culture and Business Practice

Sara Police (ME), chair of the SCDLeL, provided a brief description of the proposed change to BA US Culture and Business Practice. The Chair informed senators that there was a **motion** from committee to approve the proposed change to BA US Culture and Business Practice, and because the recommendation came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate. There were some questions from members. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with one opposed and three abstained.

b. Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) – Leslie Vincent, Chair

i. Proposed Change to Graduate Certificate in College Teaching and Learning

Leslie Vincent (BE), chair of the SAASC, provided a brief description of the proposed change to the Graduate Certificate in College Teaching and Learning. Vincent stated there was a **motion** from the SAASC to approve the proposed changes. The Chair stated that because the recommendation comes from committee, no **second** is required. The Chair opened the floor to SC members for questions of fact or debate. There were a variety of questions about how the certificate was managed, as well as support from senators whose graduate students greatly benefited from the instruction provided via the certificate. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with three opposed and four abstained.

c. Senate Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) – Sandra Bastin, Chair

i. Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Sport Communication, Media and Promotion

Sandra Bastin (AG), chair of the SAPC, provided a brief description of the proposed new Undergraduate Certificate in Sport Communication, Media, and Promotion. Bastin stated there was a **motion** from the SAPC to approve the new certificate. The Chair stated that because the recommendation comes from committee, no **second** is required. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate and there was some discussion about the proposed GPA requirement. Tagavi (EN) expressed concern that a student could take the required courses but not earn the certificate if their GPA was below the 2.0 requirement. When there was no further discussion, a **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed or abstained.

The Chair suggested reordering the agenda to address the item on “Faculty of Record,” first, and there were no objections.

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

ii. Proposed Addition of Defined Term (“Faculty of Record”) to Senate Rules

Roger Brown (AG), chair of the SREC, provided a brief description of the proposal and defined the term “faculty of record.” The Chair stated there was a **motion** from SC to approve the addition of defined term “Faculty of Record” to the SR. Because the recommendation came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate but there were none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with one opposed and two abstained.

i. Proposed Changes to Senate Rules 3.2.2.2 Regarding Waivers of Prerequisites (“Course Numbering System,” “Exceptions”)

The Chair reported that she had received quite a bit of feedback about the agenda item and she suggested that while a discussion could be had, a vote would be premature. She invited Brown to describe the proposal, which he did. She then opened the floor up for comments. There were a number of comments from senators, some of whom expressed concern that the proposed language would not be a good fit for their individual unit(s). There was also discussion about how often prerequisites are waived, as well about the caveat of “consent of instructor.”

Noting the time, the Chair indicated that the remaining agenda items would be addressed at the December Senate meeting. There being **no objections**, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Bastin,

University Senate Secretary

Absences: Akiko Takenaka*, Alison Lewis, Amanda Potterton, Ann Stowe, Charles Griffith, Chizimuzo Okoli, Danelle Stevens-Watkins, Douglas Michael, Ethan Wells, Heather Bush*, Jack Reynolds, Jake Lemon, Johanna Hoch*, Justin Miller, Justin Nichols, Katrice Albert, Kiarah Raglin, Kirsten Turner*, Kristin Monroe, Lee Owen, Leon Sachs, Lisa Cassis, Lisa Tannock, Mary Davis, Mei Chen*, Nancy Cox, Ned Crankshaw, Nicole Lewis* Olivia Ellis, Omer Arain, Philip Delcher, Richard Ingram, Robert Scroggins, Rodney Guy, Rosalie Mainous, Rudolph Bucheit, Sam Gerdemann, Sarah Hall, Scott Lephart, Thomas Seigler, ToniMarie Marchioni*, Valerio Caldesi Valeri*, Yelyzaveta Burlutska

* Denotes and explained absence

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Tuesday, November 14, 2023