

# University Senate

Monday, December 11, 2023

The University Senate (Senate) met in regular session at 3:00 PM on Monday, December 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 56 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 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. Vincent (BE) **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 Blasing (AS) **seconded**. There was no discussion; a **vote** was taken and the motion passed with one abstained.

The Chair welcomed University Senate Chair, President Eli Capilouto.

President Capilouto expressed his gratitude to those attending the Senate meeting. The president’s address included a variety of topics, including the University’s high graduation rate, record student enrollment, and the strategic plan.

The President opened the floor for questions. No questions were asked.

### 1. Announcements

The Chair announced that the academic calendars discussed by the Senate Council will be on a ten-day web transmittal.

### 2. Consent Agenda

#### a. November 13, 2023 Minutes

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 December 11, 2023 was adopted.

The Chair reported that minor clerical edits were made to the November 13, 2023 minutes. There being no objections, the minutes from November 13, 2023 were **approved by unanimous consent**.

### 3. Officer Reports

#### a. Chair- DeShana Collett

The Chair informed Senate members of the new officer elections that took place at the most recent Senate Council meeting. The Chair announced the new chair and vice chair elect to be Douglas Michael (LA) and Elizabeth Salt (NU), respectively. The Chair informed Senate members the chair and vice chair elects will begin on June 1, 2024.

The Chair thank Faculty Trustee Aaron Cramer (EN) for his service and wished him luck in his new position as Chair of the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department in the Stanley and Karen Pigman College of Engineering.

The Chair announced that three Senate Council members' terms were ending December 31, 2023; Marilyn Duncan (ME), Bob Grossman (AS), and Sandra Bastin (AG). The Chair informed Senate members that although Bastin's Senate Council term was ending December 31, 2023, Bastin would be continuing to serve as Senate Council Vice-Chair until her vice-chair term ends May 31, 2024.

The Chair announced the Senate Council will be receiving three new members with terms beginning January 1, 2024; Jennifer Cramer (AS), Leslie Vincent (BE), and Justin Nichols (ED).

#### b. Vice Chair- Sandra Bastin

Bastin (AG) had no report

#### c. Parliamentarian- Gregg Rentfrow

Rentfrow (AG) had no report

#### d. Trustees- Hollie Swanson and Aaron Cramer

Faculty Trustee Hollie 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.

The Chair opened the floor for questions. There were no questions.

#### 4. Old Business

##### a. Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Generative AI- Leslie Vincent and Molly Blasing, Co-Chairs

###### i. Interim Report

Blasing (AS) provided an update on the committee's activities. Vincent (BE) outlined the committee's plans for the coming semester including ; 1) formulate a proposal for the revision of current Senate Rules to reflect the changing nature that generative AI has brought, 2) a revision of the suggested syllabi language, 3) develop a proposal to submit to the Senate Council to amend the current syllabi regulations.

The Chair opened the floor for questions. There were no questions.

###### b. Discussion on Charge to Ad Hoc Committee on Attendance Policies

The Chair informed Senate members the Senate Council has discussed the charge to an Ad Hoc Committee on Attendance Policies in the last three Senate Council meetings. She continued that the Senate Council members drafted a charge for the committee, which was available on the agenda for today's meeting. The Chair stated she would like feedback on what people would like to see in the interim report from this committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments. There were no comments.

The Chair stated she would like to discuss committee membership, and directed Senate members to the Senate website, where they can nominate people for the committee. The Chair informed Senate members she would like to have all nominations submitted by January 3, 2024, after which Senate Council will review the nominations.

#### 5. Request to Waive Senate Rules 1.3.2.1.1.4 ("General Policies for Academic Councils," "Terms")

The Chair stated there was a recommendation from Senate Council to waive SR 1.3.2.1.1.4 for the College of Arts and Sciences, for their Graduate Council election, to permit them to elect two representatives to two-year terms in the Spring of 2024. Grossman (AS) **moved** to waive SR 1.3.2.1.1.4 ("Terms") for the College of Arts and Sciences, for their Graduate Council election, to permit them to elect two representatives to two-year terms in Spring 2024, for the purpose of staggering terms. Salt (NU) **seconded**. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate. There was no debate.

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

#### 6. Committee Reports

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

###### i. Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Design-Build

The Chair introduced Sandra Bastin (AG), chair of the Senate Academic Programs Committee.

Bastin briefly described the new Undergraduate Certificate in Design-Build.

The Chair stated there was a motion on the floor to approve the new Undergraduate Certificate in Design-Build, and because the **motion** came from committee, no **second** was required.

The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate. Senate members asked several questions.

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

#### ii. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Design-Build

Bastin briefly described the new Graduate Certificate in Design-Build.

The Chair stated that was a motion on the floor to approve the new Graduate Certificate in Design-Build, and because the **motion** came from committee, no **second** was required.

The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate. Senate members had several questions, including whether students majoring in other areas could participate in the certificate. Bruce Swetnam (DS), one of the proposers for the graduate certificate, informed Senate members the certificate would only be open to students from departments for now, but they would consider expanding this in the future.

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

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

##### i. Proposed Change to Graduate Certificate in Diversity and Inclusion

Vincent (BE) briefly described the Graduate Certificate in Diversity and Inclusion, and the rationale for the change to the certificate.

The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate. Senate members raised several questions.

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

#### c. Senate Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC)- Gregg Rentfrow, Chair

##### i. Proposed Suspension and Closure of Graduate Certificate in Gerontology

Rentfrow (AG) briefly described the rationale for the closure of the Graduate Certificate in Gerontology.

The Chair stated there was a motion on the floor to approve the proposed suspension and closure of the Graduate Certificate in Gerontology, and because the **motion** came from committee, no **second** was required.

The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate. Senate members had several questions.

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

##### ii. Proposed Suspension and Closure of Minor in Technical Systems Management

Rentfrow (AG) briefly explained the rationale behind the suspension and closure of the Minor in Technical Systems Management.

The Chair stated there was a motion on the floor to approve the proposed suspension and closure of the Minor in Technical Systems Management, and because the **motion** came from committee, no **second** was required.

The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate. There was no debate.

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

d. Senate Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee (SRWAC)- Amy Spriggs, Chair

i. 2022-23 Annual Report

Spriggs (ED) provided a brief description of the committee and their charge. Spriggs continued with a brief report of the 2022-23 year. Spriggs emphasized that the committee saw many more injury/serious illness cases than in the past, which she contributed to COVID.

The Chair opened the floor for questions. There were no questions.

7. Ombud's Report for 2022-23- Alice Turkington, Ombud

Turkington provided a brief report for 2022-23 including the distribution of types of cases brought to the Ombud's office. Turkington emphasized there had been a steep increase in the amount of cases being brought to the Ombud.

The Chair opened the floor for questions. Senate members raised several questions, including concern over whether the Ombud needs extra support given the increased number of cases being seen.

8. Items from the Floor (time permitting)

The Chair opened the floor. Grossman (AS) reminded Senate members of the upcoming Faculty Trustee Election and encouraged his colleagues to nominate.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47pm with **no objections**

Respectfully submitted by,

DeShana Collett

Prepared by Dori Grady in Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Absences: Aaron Garvey, Alison Gustafson, Alison Lewis, Anthony Creane, Brian Murtha, Brittany Smalls, Charles Griffith, Chizimuzo Okoli, Christopher Swartz\*, Danelle Stevens-Watkins, Douglas Way, Ethan Wells, Jack Reynolds, Jake Lemon, Jane Jensen, Joseph Sottile, Justin Miller, Katrice Albert, Kaveh Tagavi, Kiarah Raglin, Kiersten White, Kiersten Wise, Kristen Turner, Laneshia Conner\*, Lee Owen, Leon Sachs, Lisa Cassis, Lizzy Hornung, Mary Davis, Nancy Cox, Ned Crankshaw, Olivia Ellis, Omer Arain, Peter Akpunonu, Philip Delcher, Rodney Guy, Rudolph Buchheit, Sam Gerdemann, Scott Lephart, Shannon Nguyen, Solomon Harrar, Stefan Kiessling\*, Thomas Seigler, Valerio Caldesi Valeri, Warren Harris, Yanira Paz\*, Yelyzaveta Burlutska

\*Denotes an absence explained prior to the meeting