

University Senate

Monday, April 8, 2024

The University Senate (Senate) met in regular session at 3:15 PM on Monday, April 8, 2024, 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 3:15 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. A test vote was held and 67 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 to 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. Senate members were reminded to “keep it clean and friendly” and to see the PowerPoint presentation for review after the meeting.

1. Announcements

The Chair reminded Senate members to complete and submit nominations for the two (2) Senate Awards, the Outstanding Senate member and Senate Service awards. The Senate Service award does not have to be a senator.

2. Consent Agenda

a. March 18, 2024 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 April 8, 2024 was adopted.

The Chair reported that there were no edits received to the March 18, 2024 minutes. There being no objections, the minutes from March 18, 2024 were **approved as distributed by unanimous consent**.

3. Officer Reports

a. Chair – DeShana Collett

The Chair announced that the Senate Council will meet with President Eli Capilouto on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, to discuss the previously submitted draft Principles; the agenda for the meeting was not yet available. The Chair reminded Senate members of the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting on April 25 and 26, 2024.

b. Vice Chair – Sandra Bastin

Vice Chair Sandra Bastin (AG) was unavailable; the Chair had not received a report.

c. Parliamentarian – Gregg Rentfrow

Parliamentarian Rentfrow (AG) had no report.

d. Trustee – Hollie Swanson (ME)

Faculty Trustee Hollie Swanson (ME) had no report.

4. Degree Recipients

a. May 2024 In Memoriam Degree List

The Chair reminded members that per KY law and the *Senate Rules*, only senators elected by college faculty members were permitted to vote on degree lists.

The Chair stated that the **motion** that the elected faculty senators approve UK's May 2024 In Memoriam Degree List, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. Cassandra Gipson-Reichardt (ME) **moved** to approve the May 2024 In Memoriam Degree List which was **seconded** by Jennifer Hunt (AS). A vote was taken to approve the May 2024 In Memoriam Degree List for submission to the Board of Trustees and the motion **passed** with none opposed and three abstained.

b. May 2024 Degree List

The Chair stated that the **motion** that the elected faculty senators approve UK's May 2024 Degree List, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. Jennifer Cramer (AS) **moved** to approve the May 2024 In Memoriam Degree List which was **seconded** by Akiko Takenaka (AS). A vote was taken to approve the May 2024 In Memoriam Degree List for submission to the Board of Trustees and the motion **passed** with one opposed and two abstained.

c. August 2024 Degree List

The Chair stated that the **motion** that the elected faculty senators approve UK's August 2024 Degree List, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. Steven Arthur (AS) **moved** to approve the August 2024 Degree List which was **seconded** by Cassandra Gipson-Reichardt (ME). A vote was taken to approve the August 2024 Degree List for submission to the Board of Trustees and the motion **passed** with none opposed and two abstained.

d. May 2024 Degree List – Ft. Sam Houston – Army MSW

The Chair stated that the **motion** that the elected faculty senators approve UK's May 2024 Degree List – Ft Sam Houston – Army MSW, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. Akiko Takenaka (AS) **moved** to approve the May 2024 Degree List – Ft Sam Houston – Army MSW which was **seconded** by Steven Arthur (AS). A vote was taken to approve the May 2024 Degree List – Ft Sam Houston – Army MSW for submission to the Board of Trustees and the motion **passed** with none opposed and three abstained.

5. Committee Recommendations

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

i. Proposed changes to BS in Biomedical Engineering

The Chair introduced Leslie Vincent (BE) who briefly described the proposed changes to BS in Biomedical Engineering. The Chair stated there was a **motion** on the floor to approve the proposed changes to BS in Biomedical Engineering, and because the motion came from committee, 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 two opposed and four abstained.

ii. Proposed changes to BAEDU in Special Education – Learning and Behavior Disorders

The Chair introduced Leslie Vincent (BE) and proposer Kara Ackerman (ED) who briefly described the proposed changes to BAEDU in Special Education – Learning and Behavior Disorders. The Chair stated there was a **motion** on the floor to approve the proposed changes to BAEDU in Special Education – Learning and Behavior Disorders and because the motion came from committee, 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 two opposed and three abstained.

iii. Proposed changes to BS in Forestry

The Chair introduced Leslie Vincent (BE) and proposer John Lhotka (AG) who briefly described the proposed changes to BS in Forestry. The Chair stated there was a **motion** on the floor to approve

the proposed changes to BS in Forestry and because the motion came from committee, 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 Academic Programs Committee (SAPC)- Sandra Bastin, Chair

i. Proposed New Master of Arts in Teaching Degree in Special Education

The Chair introduced Justin Nichols (ED) who briefly described the Proposed New Master of Arts in Teaching Degree in Special Education and advised that Amy Spriggs (ED) was the proposer. The Chair stated there was a **motion** on the floor to approve the Proposed New Master of Arts in Teaching Degree in Special Education and because the motion came from committee, 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 two abstained.

ii. Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Biological Anthropology

The Chair introduced Justin Nichols (ED) who briefly described the Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Biological Anthropology and advised that Heather Worne (AS) was the proposer. The Chair stated there was a **motion** on the floor to approve the Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Biological Anthropology and because the motion came from committee, 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 two opposed and two abstained.

iii. Proposed Changes to SR 3.1.4.3.1.5 and 4.2.2.2.6 Regarding the University Scholar Program

The Chair introduced Justin Nichols (ED) who briefly described the Proposed Changes to SR 3.1.4.3.1.5 and 4.2.2.2.6 Regarding the University Scholar Program and the proposer, Padraic Kenney (GS) was present. The Chair stated there was a **motion** on the floor to approve the Proposed Changes to SR 3.1.4.3.1.5 and 4.2.2.2.6 Regarding the University Scholar Program and because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate. A request was submitted to change the name from the University Scholar Program to the University Scholars Program. There was no further discussion. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed and four abstained.

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

i. Proposed College of Education name change to College of Education, Human Development, and Sport Sciences

The Chair introduced Gregg Rentfrow (AG) who described the Proposed College of Education name change to College of Education, Human Development, and Sport Sciences; the proposer Acting Dean Danelle Stevens-Watkins (ED) was also present. The Chair stated there was a **motion** on the floor to approve the Proposed College of Education name change to College of Education, Human Development, and Sport Sciences and because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate. There were no questions or debate. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with seven opposed and nine abstained.

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

i. Proposal to Allow Local Waiver of Course Prerequisites

The Chair stated that the Proposal to Allow Local Waiver of Course Prerequisites had been moved to the May Senate meeting agenda.

6. Proposed Resolution on University Senate Principles on Shared Governance-Molly Blasing (AS), Greg Erhardt (EN)

The Chair recognized Molly Blasing (AS) and Greg Erhardt (EN) who drafted a third proposed resolution regarding University Senate Principles on Shared Governance. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate on the proposed resolution on University Senate Principles on Shared Governance.

Senate members voiced many concerns and questions regarding President Capilouto's proposed revisions to the GRs and ARs, including:

- It is unclear what issue or problem the revisions are trying to solve;
- The proposal does not change the advisory position of students and staff;
- The revision that the Board of Trustees' authority should not be delegated on policy matters (Principle 1) does not make sense given the expertise and strength in numbers as provided by the membership of the University Senate;
- How does contracting the University Senate into a Faculty Senate bring more voices to the table, as prioritized in Principle 2? It appears to be creating silos rather than communication;
- Another option would be to expand University Senate to include more students, staff, and administrator participation. The Senate structure allows for equitable representation regardless of size;
- The University Senate provides an overall broad perspective regarding what is being proposed for the university;
- UK students support President Capilouto's proposed principles. Student Government Association and students continue to engage with President Capilouto;
- There should be a centralized resource to be sure there aren't conflicting proposals being put forth from different colleges. Other institutions' structures could be used as a model for something more efficient and effective than the current University Senate;
- College-level Senates could be perceived as an intimidation tactic for junior faculty. The University-wide senate allows equitable treatment of programs and colleges regardless of size and funding structure, and provides protection for faculty member's in decision-making regarding educational policy, programs and courses creation;
- Debate is part of being an institution and a beautiful thing. We don't want to lose this venue for discussion & debate;
- Staff and administrators can be subject matter experts, however due to the structure of University Senate, they are not always afforded the opportunity to contribute to discussions.

A Roll Call based on 1.1.1.1. of *Robert's Rules of Order* was called and dismissed because the information is available in the Poll Everywhere voting app.

Cassandra Gipson-Reichardt (ME) called the question. Jennifer Cramer (AS) seconded. A **vote** was taken, and the call **passed** with 15 opposed and 10 abstained.

The Chair moved to approve the Proposed Resolution on University Senate Principles on Shared Governance. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 19 opposed and nine abstained.

7. Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)

No time remained for items.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19pm with **no objections**.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sandra Bastin

Reviewed by Kristen Pickett

Prepared by Jeanne Mifflin on Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Absences: Alison Gustafson, Alison Lewis, Beth Guiton, Bobi Ivanov, Brad Lee, Brian Murtha, Chizimuzo Okoli, Elizabeth Salt, Ethan Wells, Jack Reynolds, Joseph Sottile, Josh Gilbert, Karen Clancy, Kiarah Raglin, Kristin Monroe, Laneshia Conner, Lee Owen, Leon Sachs, Marilyn Duncan, Mia Cinelli, Philip (Chris) Delcher, Rebekah Radtke, Robert Grossman, Roger Brown, Sam Gerdemann, Samuel Franklin, Sandra Bastin, Shannon Nguyen, Soohyung Joo, Thomas Seigler, Thomas Troland, Yelyzaveta Burlutska