

## **1.0 Section I: The University Senate**

### **(By-Laws and Organization)**

#### **1.1.0 AUTHORITY**

##### **A. Scope of Authority of University Senate**

The authority exercised by the total University Senate membership is as delegated by the Board of Trustees in the Governing Regulations of the University of Kentucky, Part IV, THE UNIVERSITY SENATE. The elected faculty representatives in the University Senate have the authority to perform particular functions assigned to “the faculty of the University” under KRS 164.240 (Governing Regulations IV.A,B). Each department faculty (or faculty of a Center/Institute) has jurisdiction and primary responsibility over its internal educational policies, within the limits of the educational policies of its school faculty of which it is a part (if applicable), and of its respective college faculty, all of which are subject to the broad academic policies prescribed in these University Senate Rules (GR VII.A.4-7).

##### **B. Scope and Authority of University Senate Rules**

The University Senate Rules (hereafter: “Rules”) describe the composition, organization and authority of the University Senate (hereafter: “Senate”), and internal procedures for the conduct of its functions. These Rules further describe broad academic policies for the University and procedures for their implementation. In accordance with the policy established by the Board of Trustees in the Governing Regulations II.A, where applicable these University Senate Rules will refer to sources of authority in state law, in the Board of Trustees’ Minutes or Governing Regulations (hereafter: “GR”), or in the President’s Administrative Regulations (hereafter: “AR”).

##### **C. Authority to Waive University Senate Rules**

These Rules may be waived under extraordinary circumstances by the Chair of the Senate (President), by the University Senate Council (hereafter: “Senate Council”) or by the Senate Council Chair if the decision is necessary before the next meeting of the Senate Council. Any waiver by the Senate Chair or Senate Council Chair must be reported with justification to the Senate Council and all waivers, whether by the Senate Chair, Senate Council Chair or by the Senate Council, must be reported with justification to the Senate at its next meeting. However, under no circumstances may the Senate Chair or the Senate Council Chair waive a rule concerning conditions for admission (SR 4.1, 4.2), or a rule concerning the number of credits or quality points required for graduation (SR 5.4) established by the faculty of the university pursuant to KRS 164.240 (GR III). It is emphasized that authority described hereabove to waive a Rule in the situation of a needed “decision” does not confer the authority to create a new Rule.

##### **D. Authority to Amend University Senate Rules**

These Rules may be amended only by the Senate or, where appropriate, by the action of the elected Faculty Senators at a meeting of the Senate. [US: 2/12/01]