PART IV

THE UNIVERSITY SENATE (UNIVERSITY SYSTEM)

A. Membership

The University Senate shall be composed of both elected faculty, emeriti faculty, student and ex officio members.

The faculty members shall number 94 elected faculty, one member shall represent the emeriti faculty, and 19 members shall represent the student body. With the exception of emeritus and ex officio representatives, senators shall be full-time faculty or students selected in accordance with the Rules of the University Senate. The one elected emeritus faculty member shall represent the University of Kentucky Association of Emeriti Faculty, elected from and by the respective college faculties, and representing the "faculty of the University" (KRS 164.240), hereinafter referred to as the University Faculty. The elected faculty representatives of the University Senate have the authority assigned to "the faculty of the University" under KRS 164.240 to recommend to the Board of Trustees the conferral of earned degrees from the University and the conditions for and award of honorary degrees. The University Senate membership, composed of both elected and ex officio members, is authorized to perform all other functions delegated by the Board of Trustees to the University Senate.

The University student body shall be represented by the student senators, one elected from and by the full-time student body of each college. The one elected emeritus faculty member shall be elected by and represent the University of Kentucky Association of Emeriti Faculty. The procedures for election of representatives to the University Senate and University Senate Council shall be prescribed in the University Senate Rules.

In even numbered academic years, the ex officio voting members of the University Senate shall be composed of the following: Provost, Executive Vice President for Research, Senior Vice President and Chancellor of the Medical Center, Director Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education, student member of the Board of Trustees, two (2) faculty members of the Board of Trustees, Dean of Libraries, Director of Teaching Learning Center and Deans of the Colleges of Allied Health Professions, Architecture and deans of the Colleges of Communications and Information Studies, Dentistry, Design, Education, Engineering, Health Sciences, Law, and Social Work. In odd numbered academic years, the ex officio voting members shall be the following: Provost, President of the Lexington Community College, student member of the Board of Trustees, two (2) faculty members of the Board of Trustees, Associate Vice President Provost for Academic Affairs, for the Medical Center, Dean of the Graduate School, Dean of Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies Education, and Deans of the Colleges of Agriculture, Arts and Sciences, Business and Economics, Fine Arts, Medicine, Human Environmental Sciences, Medicine, Nursing, Public Health, and Pharmacy. The
University Senate may recommend to the Board of Trustees changes to the above list of *ex officio* voting members and determines *ex officio* nonvoting membership, as necessary.

The *ex officio* nonvoting membership shall include the President, all other vice presidents, Associate Provost for Minority Affairs, University System Registrar, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education for the Lexington Campus and Director of Admissions, Dean of University Extension, Dean of Students, Professor of Military Science, Professor of Aerospace Studies, Director of the University Studies Program, and, if they are not already elected members of the Senate, the University System faculty members of the Board of Trustees, the Academic Ombud, the Director of the Honors Program, and the chairpersons of the University Senate Committees, including University Senate Advisory Committees. All officials mentioned in the preceding paragraph who are not *ex officio* voting members in any year shall be considered *ex officio* nonvoting members. Other *ex officio* nonvoting members may be added by the University Senate Council for the purpose of supplying information and viewpoints on problems considered by the Senate. *Ex officio* nonvoting members shall enjoy all privileges of the elected membership except the right to vote.

B. Officers, Committees and Councils of the University Senate

The University Senate is authorized to develop University Senate Rules for the conduct of its functions, copies of these rules being furnished to the President and the Board of Trustees. It may perform its functions directly, through the Senate Council, through standing or special committees which it may appoint or authorize for appointment, or through delegation of authority and responsibility to the faculties of the Graduate School, or the faculties of the colleges, schools, departments, centers and institutes. The University Senate Council shall appoint standing or special committees of the University Senate, responsible to the University Senate, unless the University Senate has authorized other methods of appointment.

The President is the Chair of the University Senate and shall be the presiding officer except as the President may delegate this function to the University Senate Council Chair. As its Chair, the President may be called upon by the University Senate to address or represent the University Senate or to transmit its recommendations. The President, as Chair of the University Senate, may establish and appoint academic committees to advise the President in this capacity.

The University Senate also may establish University Senate advisory committees which shall be responsible, in an advisory capacity, to the President or other administrative officer(s) or administrative unit(s). These committees are also shall be responsible to the Senate for reporting...
upon issues which bear upon the functions of the University Senate and for making recommendations for action. These University Senate advisory committees shall be appointed by the President, as the University Senate Chair, from nominations made by the University Senate Council or following consultation with the Council.

The President shall be the chairperson of the Senate and shall be the presiding officer except as the President may delegate this function. The University Registrar shall serve as ex officio secretary. A member of the University Faculty (not necessarily a member of the University Senate), appointed by the University Senate Council, shall serve as parliamentarian. The two (2) sergeants-at-arms, appointed by the University Senate Council, shall be members of the University System Faculty and/or a staff employee.

The University Senate shall hold regular monthly meetings during the academic year when classes are in session and, after adequate notice by its Secretary, special meetings on the call of the President or the University Senate Council or on the written request of ten (10) members.

Any member of the administrative, instructional, or research staff—University employee or student may attend a meeting of the University Senate as a visitor and request the privilege of the floor.

C. University Senate Functions

The functions of the University Senate is not assigned any management or administrative functions. The University Senate functions shall include the following:

1. Determine the broad academic policies of the University, System including the similar academic policies that may be made necessary by governmental or accreditation agencies, and make regulations—rules to implement these policies.

2. Approve all new academic programs, curricula, and courses offered in the University—System and make final academic decisions on recommendations to changes of these programs.

3. Make final decisions for the University on curricula, courses, certificates and diplomas offered at the University and on the termination of academic programs.

4. Adopt policies for the University System—academic calendar and approve—establish the annual calendar as prepared upon recommendation by the University Registrar.
5. Recommend to the President and Provost on the establishment, alteration, and abolition, and reporting relationships of educational units in the University System.

6. Advise the President or the President’s designated officer on the planning for physical facilities, personnel and other resources and staff when these may affect the attainment of educational objectives of the University System.

7. Advise the President or the President’s designated officer, through appropriate committees, on criteria, policies and procedures for performance review, appointments, reappointments, promotions, and granting of tenure, and benefits to faculty in the University System.

8. Determine the conditions for admission and for degrees, other than honorary degrees, in the University System, pursuant to KRS 164.240.

9. Recommend to the President, Board of Trustees all candidates that have been approved for degrees in the University System, pursuant to KRS 164.240.

Beyond those listed in the above, the Senate shall have no management or administrative functions either in itself or through the instrumentality of its committees.

10. The University Senate may address the President or, through the President, the Board of Trustees, regarding any University matter.