



Dear Colleagues,

I hope, in the midst of the chaos of the end of the semester, you are finding time to enjoy all the exciting things happening in Lexington and at the University of Kentucky. [The final Senate meeting of 2019 will be Monday, December 9](#). After that, the Senate will break until Monday, January 27, 2020!

I am eagerly anticipating the Commencement Ceremony, which is coming up just around the corner on December 20th. As Senate Council Chair, I have the honor to represent the faculty at Commencement, by standing with President Capilouto as he congratulates the students on their graduation. This is one of the most exciting days of the year at the University. If you've never attended a Commencement Ceremony at U.K., I encourage you to dust off that regalia and join us! You can register to participate [here](#). Be sure to do so before December 13.

During the November meeting, President Capilouto addressed the Senate, discussing a variety of initiatives and changes on the campus, and introducing the recent endowment to the University of Kentucky College of Law, and his proposal to name the College after the donor, J. David Rosenberg. During Committee reports the Senate voted to approve a new MA and Graduate Certificate in Applied Environmental and Sustainability Studies. (The proposed MA will be on the Board of Trustees agenda this coming week, and then will move on to the Council on Postsecondary Education for final approval.) The Senate also heard from Dr. Jennifer Osterhage, chair of the Senate Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (and Senate Council Vice-Chair), with a report on non-degree students enrolled at U.K. in recent semesters. Finally, we heard reports from both Dr. Joe McGillis, former Academic Ombud, and Dr. Joe

Fink, chair of the University Appeals Board, regarding activities in their areas over the past year.

In the December meeting, the Senate will approve the December degree list and discuss and vote on proposed honorary degree recipients. We will also vote on proposed changes to the names of the Department of Early Childhood, Special Education, and Rehabilitation Counseling, and the College of Law. We will also consider three new academic programs, and a proposal from the Senate Academic Facilities Committee to change their charge in the Senate Rules. We will be quite busy during this last meeting of the year!

In this newsletter you will find information about an upcoming initiative co-sponsored by the Office of Faculty Advancement, the University Senate, and the HR Office of Work-Life. I am excited about this first event as part of the Healthy Faculty 2020 series. I hope you'll consider nominating a faculty member (maybe even yourself!) to participate, and will plan to attend the event. We will be sure to advertise the details, once they are finalized.

In this season of thanks and celebration, I'd like to thank you all for all you do to make this place the best it can be. I am extremely honored to have the opportunity to serve in this role on your behalf. I hope that, during the upcoming break, you all get some time to relax and recharge, visit with loved ones, and read a good book!

Wishing you a very happy holiday season and a peaceful new year,



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## Meet the Senate Council Chair-Elect and Vice Chair-Elect!

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**Aaron Cramer**



Kentucky Utilities  
Associate Professor of  
Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Chair of Senate's Academic  
Programs Committee

Vice Chair-Elect  
**DeShana Collette**



Associate Professor  
College of Health Sciences  
Physician Assistant Program  
Chair of Senate's Rules  
and Elections Committee

Both terms will run from June 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021.

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## Faculty Conversations with President Capilouto



President Capilouto hosts small groups of faculty for informal discussions throughout the school year. If you are interested in attending one of these discussions, email [stephanie.woolery@uky.edu](mailto:stephanie.woolery@uky.edu) to be added to the list.

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## Healthy Faculty 2020



The Office for Faculty Advancement, HR Office of Work-Life, and the University Senate are collaborating to sponsor a faculty panel discussion about managing work/life challenges and stress. The discussion will feature faculty from across the university who have managed life events and day-to-day professional and personal challenges. Tactics and university resources for faculty will be discussed. [We are seeking nominations for faculty to participate in this one hour panel discussion to be held Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00-11:00.](#) In addition, we hope to feature faculty in future articles, panels, or website highlights.

If you are interested in serving on this panel, or would like to nominate a colleague to do so, please send the name and brief description of what makes that person appropriate for this panel to Senior Assistant Provost for Faculty Advancement Katie Cardarelli at [Kathryn.cardarelli@uky.edu](mailto:Kathryn.cardarelli@uky.edu).

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## UK Becomes Member of National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity

UK is pleased to announce its partnership with the [National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity \(NCFDD\)](#). This nationally recognized independent organization provides online career development, training, and mentoring resources to more than 65 colleges and universities nationwide.

As part of [UK's institutional membership](#), all faculty members, postdoctoral scholars, graduate students, staff, and administrators will have access to a number of beneficial tools to increase research and writing productivity and improve work-life balance. For more information about NCFDD and the virtual programs and resources that will be provided, [click here](#).



[Read the NCFDD feature in the latest issue of UKNow](#)

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**Spring Semester  
Senate Meeting Dates**

**January 27, 2020**

**February 10, 2020**

**March 9, 2020**

**April 13, 2020**

**May 4, 2020**

Meetings are held at 3 pm in the Auditorium of W.T. Young Library

[View Senate Agendas](#)

**Deadlines for  
Curricular Proposals**

**February 3, 2020**  
New degree programs

**March 16, 2020**  
Other proposals requiring committee review

**April 13, 2020**  
Courses, all other program changes, and minors



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