



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the first edition of the University Senate Newsletter! I am the current Chair of the [University Senate Council](#), as well as a faculty member in the [College of Law](#), and will be working with the other members of the Senate Council office to produce this newsletter about once a month. We plan to provide updates regarding the activities of the Senate, along with introductions to important people, information about the Senate's committees, and more. We are also introducing new [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) accounts, so please follow UK's University Senate on social media! If you have any suggestions for content for future editions of the newsletter, [please let us know](#).

Even though the Fall Semester has barely begun, your University Senate is already hard at work. Our Senate Committees are being formed for the year, and are organizing their first meetings. We've already received our first curricular proposals for review, and have been working with the chairs of the Academic Councils to improve our review processes, which will also include transitioning to the use of the Curriculog software for program approvals within the next few months. I have also been meeting with College Faculty Councils across campus to share updates from the Senate and listen to their concerns.

Our first Senate meeting of the 2019-2020 school year is this coming Monday, September 9 at 3 pm in the Young Library auditorium. President Capilouto will address the Senate, and I will provide updates regarding a variety of projects the Senate Council has worked on over the past few months. We will also have an orientation session for new Senators at 2 pm on Monday, right before the Senate meeting, which will include a brief historical overview of the University Senate presented by Davy Jones from the College of Medicine and unofficial Senate historian.

The work of university shared governance requires the participation of all of us. We in the Senate need to hear from our faculty colleagues about what matters most to you. We will use this newsletter as a way to share news with you, but I do hope you will also communicate with your [Senators](#) or with me or the other members of [Senate Council](#) if you have questions or concerns. I look forward to a productive year here at the University of Kentucky.

Best wishes,
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Outstanding Staff Awards Nominations

One of the greatest feelings for staff is that moment when someone recognizes you for the work you do. It can be a smile or a simple thank you. A colleague saying, "great job!" when you least expect it.

What about for the people who do so much that saying it simply isn't quite enough?

Nominations are now open! Join us in recognizing and celebrating the contributions of our staff who help make the campus community what it is today.

The Staff Senate have created distinct awards to give students and faculty the opportunity to recognize staff they see go above and beyond what is required of them. Recipients of these awards have done things without being asked, created new programs and generally contribute to the bigger picture for the University. These are the people who hold everything together when seemingly no one else can. They are the people who always brighten your day and advocate for a better community through their actions.

[Nominate someone today!](#)

The deadline for nominations is September 20th.

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 to be added to the list.

New Leadership for Academic and Student Affairs

Dr. Kirsten Turner has been named the new Associate Provost for Academic and Student Affairs. In this expanded role, Dr. Turner is responsible for leadership of SAL, but will continue to oversee other key academic functions including Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Planning, Institutional Research/Advanced Analytics, and Academic Decision Support.

Williams is National Black Nurses Association's Nurse Researcher of the Year

Lovoria Williams, PhD, associate professor in the University of Kentucky College of Nursing and member of the Senate Advisory Committee on Diversity and Inclusion, has been named Nurse Researcher of the Year by the National Black Nurses Association at the 47th Annual Conference in New Orleans on Saturday, July 27.

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Fall Semester Senate Meeting Dates

September 9, 2019

October 14, 2019

November 11, 2019

December 9, 2019

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

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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

Welcome New Senators!

Francisco Andrade	Katherine
Susan Barron	McCormick
Richard Charnigo	Ajay Mehra
Mei Chen Deshana	Melissa Morgan
Collett Anastasia	Ganpathy Murthy
Curwood Alan	Shannon Oltmann
DeSantis Kevin	Sean Peffer
Donohue Alyssa	Martha Riddell
Eckman Laura	Howard Roberts
Fanucchi Jan	Leslie Scott
Forren	Melissa Stein Joe
Claire Fraser	Stemple Elizabeth
Rebecca Freeman	Tovar Ellen Usher
Nicole Gauthier	Martina Vasil Jami
Michael Goodin	Warren Eric Welch
Alison Gustafson	Gretchen Wells
Yuha Jung Douglas	Elizabeth Whitney
Kalika Jack Kim	Allison Wright
Robert Lorch	Scott Yost
James Lump	John Young

Senate Committees

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