

University Senate
November 11, 2019

The University Senate met in regular session at 3:00 pm on Monday, November 11, 2019 in the Athletics Association Auditorium of W. T. Young Library. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands.

Senate Council Chair Jennifer Bird-Pollan (LA) called the University Senate (Senate) meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

The Chair welcomed President Eli Capilouto.

1. President Eli Capilouto, Senate Chair

President Capilouto shared slides with the Senate and expressed his gratitude for what the Senate does. He presented data about statewide growth of all baccalaureate degrees, noting that the University of Kentucky accounts for half of the total growth, 79% of the growth among African American students, and 78% of the growth among low-income Kentuckians. The increases are due to services the University provides. The cost of tuition has gone down for students with the lowest incomes. Retention and graduation rates are at an all-time high.

The President explained that we do not have enough beds for patients as a result of ambulatory care visits and admissions/discharges from the hospital. Ten years ago, the hospital had around 19,000 annual admissions and now it is over 43,000.

The President praised Vice President for Research Lisa Cassis's hard work. Annual awards are up 25% for the last year and there are \$80 million in new awards. The President expressed his appreciation for everyone's collective efforts.

The President announced that J. David Rosenberg has donated \$20 million to the College of Law. There will be a recommendation coming to the Senate soon to name the college the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law in honor of his generous gift. J. David Rosenberg attended the College of Law years ago and has much gratitude for the faculty that taught him. His gift will support students, faculty, and Programs. The President recognized the work of the Office of Philanthropy, Executive Director of Gift and Estate Planning Tom Barker, and Interim Dean of the College of Law Mary Davis.

The floor was opened for questions to the President. He responded to questions about how the University's growth compares with other universities. When there were no more questions, President Capilouto thanked the senators. The senators responded with a warm round of applause.

2. Minutes from October 14, 2019 and Announcements

The Chair welcomed senators and reminded them that Senate follows Robert's Rules of Order. She reminded senators to pick up their voting clickers and sign in. She also asked everyone to participate in the meetings and share information with colleagues in their home units. She ended with a friendly reminder for senators to return their voting devices to the back of the room prior to departure. The Chair offered a series of announcements to senators.

The Chair announced that a proposal is on the way from the College of Law to change the name to the J. David Rosenberg College of Law. The Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) and Senate Council (SC) will review the proposal. The Senate may be asked to vote on the proposal at the December meeting.

Due to technical difficulties, the Chair explained that voting would be done by hand for the meeting. The Chair called for an attendance vote and it was apparent that far more than the 45 required for quorum were present.

The Chair reported that *Senate Rules (SR) 1.2.3* (“Meetings”) requires that minutes, agenda, and supporting documentation be sent to senators six days in advance, but the final version of the BHS in Medical Laboratory Science was not sent out until Friday, November 8th. Grossman (AS) made a **motion** that the Senate waive *SR 1.2.3* to allow consideration of the agenda, etc. for November 11, 2019. Brion (EN) **seconded**. There was no debate. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with all in favor, none opposed, and none abstained.

The Chair reported that no edits to the minutes had been received. There being **no objections**, the minutes from October 14, 2019 were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair announced the results of the SC election. They were Susan Cantrell (ED), Richard Charnigo (AS), and Leslie Vincent (BE). The Senate responded with a round of applause.

The Chair reminded senators that nominations are being solicited until 9:00 am on Thursday, November 14, 2019 for the next SC Chair. The SC votes on December 2, 2019 to elect the new SC Chair, who will take office on June 1, 2020. The Chair gave a brief overview of duties of the SC Chair and encouraged anyone with questions to contact her.

The Chair announced that the program proposal process has officially been moved to Curriculog. Units have until December 2, 2019 to move proposals on the old Word forms out of the college. Proposals that have not left the college by December 2, 2019 must be submitted in Curriculog, using the new forms. See the UKNow article from October 31, 2019 or the November Senate newsletter for more details.

The Chair announced that there will be another call for proposals for online certificates and degree programs this year. The Chair asked senators to share this with their colleges and said that she will share more information as it becomes available. The Chair encouraged anyone interested in the initiative to contact the Associate Provost of Teaching, Learning, and Academic Innovation Kathi Kern.

The Chair thanked everyone who filled out the phased retirement survey. The results will be shared with SC and then with the Senate.

The Chair shared that only a few nominations were submitted from the Senate for the College of Dentistry Dean search committee. In addition to those names, the SC generated more names to submit. For future calls for nominations, the Chair asked senators to think about people who are interested in serving and are good representatives of the faculty. The Chair also informed the Senate that she will soon circulate the President’s Office annual call for nominations for all committees and she hopes to submit a robust list of nominations gathered from across campus.

The Chair announced the deadlines for curricular proposals with a fall 2020 effective date; February 3, 2020 for new degree program proposals; March 16, 2020 for other proposals requiring committee review (new certificates, transfers of a degree, new department, change to credit hours required for graduation, significant program changes etc.); and April 13, 2020 for courses, all other program changes,

and minors. There was a special dispensation with Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) last year that permitted proposals to go to the CPE before they went to the U.K. Board of Trustees, but CPE is not permitting that ordering this year. The Chair asked senators to share this information with their colleges.

3. Officer and Other Reports

a. Chair

The Chair shared that one item was approved on behalf of the Senate at SC. The approval was for a calendar change requested by the Graduate School for students scheduling final exams.

The Chair informed the Senate that Leslie Vincent (BE) is participating on the Mental Health task force, specifically chairing the sub-committee on faculty and staff training. Leslie will report to the Senate as information becomes available.

The Chair shared the results of the spring 2019 faculty evaluation of the President with SC and those results are available on the Senate website <https://www.uky.edu/universitysenate/faculty-evaluation-president>. The Board of Trustees (BOT) was concerned about the low response rate and SC discussed how it might be improved. Vice Chair Jennifer Osterhage (AS) will be in charge of the survey in spring 2020.

The Chair shared that the SC reviewed a preliminary proposal for changes to the *SRs* to codify what must be included in a syllabus. The SC sent the proposal to the Senate's Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (SAPPC) for further review.

b. Vice Chair

Vice Chair Jennifer Osterhage (AS) did not have a report to give.

c. Parliamentarian

Parliamentarian Doug Michael (LA) did not have a report to give.

d. Trustees

Trustee Lee Blonder (ME) shared that there was a Board of Trustees (BOT) retreat on October 17-18, 2019 and gave a short summary of highlights. Trustee Bob Grossman (AS) shared some of the possible future trends discussed at the BOT retreat and elaborated on the faculty evaluation of the President. The Trustees answered questions about how the BOT addresses self-improvement and the evaluation of the President. Grossman announced that he is in the last year of his term as Trustee and does not plan to run for reelection. He encouraged any senators who might be interested in running for Trustee to speak with him.

4. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) – Aaron Cramer, Chair

The Chair welcomed SAPC Chair Aaron Cramer (EN).

- i. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Applied Environmental and Sustainability Studies
Cramer explained the proposal for a new Graduate Certificate: Applied Environmental and Sustainability Studies. There were no questions of fact. The Chair then said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the Senate approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees the establishment of a new Graduate Certificate: Applied Environmental and Sustainability Studies, in the Department of Geography within the College of Arts and

Sciences. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

ii. Proposed New MA in Applied Environmental and Sustainability Studies

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iii. Cramer explained the proposal for significant change to MBA: Business Administration (Evening) and (One-Year). There were no questions of fact. The Chair then said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the Senate approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees the significant changes to the MBA: Business Administration (Evening) and (One-Year) in the Gatton College of Business and Economics. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

b. Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) – Bill Smith, Chair

The Chair welcomed SAASC Chair Bill Smith (EN).

i. Proposed Changes to BHS Medical Laboratory Science

Smith explained the recommendation that the University Senate approve the change in admissions language for students entering the pre-Medical Laboratory Sciences program. Also included with the proposal are changes to *SR 4.2.2.2.1* ("College of Health Sciences Program") and *SR 4.2.2.2.5* ("Medical Laboratory Science Admissions Policy").

Smith answered a question of fact. The Chair then said that the **motion** on the floor was that the University Senate approve the change in admissions language for students entering the pre-Medical Laboratory Sciences (It was noted that Sciences should be changed to Science) program. Also included with the proposal are changes to *SR 4.2.2.2.1* ("College of Health Sciences Program") and *SR 4.2.2.2.5* ("Medical Laboratory Sciences (Science) Admissions Policy"). Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

c. Senate's Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (SAPPC) – Jennifer Osterhage, Chair

The Chair welcomed SAPPC Chair Jennifer Osterhage (AS).

i. Report on Non-Degree Student Enrollment

Osterhage thanked the SAPPC members for their help preparing the report on non-degree student enrollment. The charge to the SAPPC was; 1. Survey faculty who had nondegree-seeking students in their classes in a previous term on whether the nondegree-seeking students performed at levels comparable to degree-seeking students; 2. Learn whether

nondegree-seeking (NDS) students in any particular course caused the course to fill up and potentially exclude degree-seeking students.

Osterhage went over SAPPC's report that found NDS performed better than average and although enrollment increased from last year, it was still within the normal range. SAPPC will continue to monitor NDS enrollment and performance each year. Osterhage then answered questions about the report. It was suggested that the SAPPC track displaced students on waiting lists and if transfer students who register after many other students, still have the opportunity to enroll in the courses they need for degree progression on future reports.

d. (Second) Reinstatement Committee – Jennifer Bird-Pollan, Chair

i. Report on Recent Activities

The Chair shared some background information and data about the (Second) Reinstatement Committee. The committee consists of the SC Chair, SC Vice Chair, and Student Government Association (SGA) President.

5. University Appeals Board (UAB) Report for 2018-19 – Joe Fink, Chair

The Chair welcomed Chair of the University Appeals Board Joe Fink (PH). Fink explained that the UAB has jurisdiction of two kinds of cases; grades and cheating. He informed Senate about the process to file an appeal, examples of cases the UAB reviews, and committee composition. Fink then answered questions senators had about cheating and plagiarism. He encouraged anyone interested in volunteering for the UAB to contact him. The Chair thanked him for coming and senators responded with a warm round of applause.

6. Ombud's Report for 2018-2019 – Past Ombud Joe McGillis

The Chair welcomed past Ombud Joe McGillis (ME). McGillis shared the Academic Ombud Services Annual Report. McGillis also shared some of the history of the office and noted that the University of Kentucky has had an Ombud for 50 years. He explained that the office is a resource for both students and faculty and their goal is to find a resolution without escalating the situation. McGillis recognized Associate Academic Ombud Laura Ansel, who triages incoming situations. McGillis then answered a few questions from the floor and noted that forged excuses are prosecuted as a conduct offense. The Chair thanked him for coming and senators responded with a warm round of applause.

7. Overview of Agendas in Curriculog

Ms. Brothers gave senators an overview of how to use Curriculog to view agendas and answered questions from senators. The Chair reminded senators of the instructional videos for using Curriculog that can be viewed on the Senate website.

8. Items from the Floor

There were no items raised from the floor.

Grossman (AS) **moved** to adjourn and Osterhage (AS) **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted by, Jennifer Osterhage
University Senate Secretary

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Absences: Abdel-Latif; Bagh; Bailey; Barron*; Beck; Birdwhistell; Boyle; Bruckner; Bucheit; Cassis, Collins; Cox, Curwood; DeSantis; DiPaola; Duncan; Epps; Farrell; Feist-Price; Flaherty; Freeman; Gent; Greer*; Griggs; Guiton; Gustafson*; Guy; Hamilton; Harper; Heilig*; Hunt; Jackson; Jones; Kim; Lauersdorf; Lorch*; Mehra; Miller; Nigram, Okeson, Pearson; Phillips; Raissi; Richardson; Richey; Roberts*; Rogers; Saffari; Sheather; Stein; Swartz; Tagavi*; Taylor; Troland; Turner; Vernon; Vincent*; Vosevich; Wells*, K. Wilson; M. Wilson*; and Yost.

* Denotes an explained absence.

Invited guests present: Karen Badger, Kim Campbell, Paul Childs, Patricia Ehrkamp, Joe Fink, and Joe McGillis

Prepared by Stephanie Woolery on Friday, November 15, 2019.