

University Senate
December 9, 2019

The University Senate met in regular session at 3:00 pm on Monday, December 9, 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 3:00 pm.

1. Minutes from November 11, 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.

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 no edits to the minutes had been received. There being **no objections**, the minutes from November 11, 2019 were **approved** as distributed **by unanimous consent**.

The Chair announced the Senate Council (SC) voted for SC Chair and SC Vice Chair at the meeting on December 2, 2019. Effective June 1, 2020, the SC chair will be Aaron Cramer (EN/Electrical and Computer Engineering) and SC vice chair will be DeShana Collett (HS/Physician Assistant Studies). The Chair thanked everyone who provided feedback, with a special thanks to Chair of the Elections Subcommittee of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC), Roger Brown (AG) and Senate gave a round of applause.

The Chair informed senators that they will receive an email soliciting nominations for campus-wide committees soon. She asked them to forward the email to any faculty that might be interested in serving.

The Chair announced that the SC Office is researching polling options for use during Senate meetings. If senators have any suggestions or comments, please email Ms. Woolery.

The Chair informed senators that the current strategic plan ends the summer of 2020. Conversations around campus are ongoing and regarding how to formulate the next plan. The Chair will keep the Senate updated.

The Chair reminded senators that the next SC meeting will be on January 13, 2020 and the next Senate meeting will be on January 27, 2020.

The Chair informed Senate that last school year, the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) was letting the University send proposals directly to them before those proposals went to the UK Board of Trustees (BOT). This allowed more program approval flexibility. The University has been informed that, this year, the CPE will not allow programs to be sent on until after approval by the BOT. Furthermore, CPE currently prohibits advertising of programs that they have not yet approved. This causes problems for new programs because they are unable to market to students in a timely manner.

There is a possibility of a softening of the current prohibition on advertising. The Chair will share any updates about this as they become available.

The Chair reminded senators that all new programs are now processed with Curriculog. If anyone has questions, please contact Ms. Brothers or the Chair. There is more information in the UKNow article, the November Senate newsletter, and the video made by the SC Office.

The Chair recognized Davy Jones (ME/Toxicology and Cancer Biology), who will be retiring at the end of the semester. He has been an incredible resource to the Senate and Senate Office. Especially important was his marriage to fellow faculty member Grace Jones (AS). He has been a member of the faculty for 37 years, is the unofficial Senate historian, is an expert on rules and regulations, former chair of Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) for many years, is a three-time recipient of the Outstanding Senator Award, has served on the Senate Council, and also served as faculty trustee. The Senate gave him a warm round of applause and standing ovation in his honor.

The Chair reminded senators of the curricular deadlines and asked that they share this information with their colleagues. If seeking a fall 2020 effective date, curricular proposals must be reviewed by the appropriate academic council(s) and received by the SC office by: February 3, 2020 for new degree program proposals; March 16, 2020 for other proposals requiring committee review; April 13, 2020 for courses, all other program changes, and minors.

2. Officer and Other Reports

a. Chair

The Chair thanked everyone for participating in the phased retirement survey. The responses indicated that Senators entering phased retirement should be allowed to complete their Senate terms and faculty already on phased retirement should not be allowed to run for Senate. SC member Leslie Vincent (BE) has been tasked to chair an ad-hoc committee to formulate a proposal to address these and other questions that were raised and suggest rule changes.

Allison Soult (AS) is shepherding a proposal to make changes to the Senate Rules (SRs) to document what should be included in syllabi. The proposal has already been approved by Senate's Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (SAPPC), the Undergraduate Council (UC), and Graduate Council (GC). The proposal is expected to come to SC and Senate in the spring.

b. Provost

The Provost thanked Senate for supporting the University's initiatives and mission. Student success and research continue to show a marked trajectory upward due to their hard work. The Provost thanked Cramer (EN) and Collett (HS) for their willingness to serve in leadership roles. The Provost also wished Jones (ME/Toxicology and Cancer Biology) the best and thanked Jones for everything he has done for UK.

The Provost shared that in October he attended a retreat with the BOT where they began to discuss UK's long-term vision. He also held a retreat with the Provost's Council to discuss the same thing. Since then, he has attended conferences and meetings to learn more about trends and best practices across the country. He will be presenting this information to the BOT and plans to attend a spring Senate meeting to share more detail.

c. Vice Chair

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

d. Parliamentarian

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

3. Degree Recipients

a. December 2019 Degree List

The Chair reminded Senators that an updated degree list was emailed to them and hard copies were available in the back of the room. The **motion** from SC was a recommendation that the elected faculty senators approve UK's December 2019 list of candidates for credentials, for submission through the President to the BOT. There were no questions of fact. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken via show of hands and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

b. Honorary Degree Recipients

The Chair welcomed Graduate School Assistant Dean Morris Grubbs to present the honorary degree nominees. Grubbs presented the two nominees (WHC and NF) to Senate. The floor was opened for questions of fact and there were none.

The **motion** from SC was a recommendation that the elected faculty senators approve WHC as the recipient of an honorary degree, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. There were no questions of fact. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken via show of hands and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The **motion** from SC was a recommendation that the elected faculty senators approve the granting of an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to WHC, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. There were no questions of fact. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken via show of hands and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The **motion** from SC was a recommendation that the elected faculty senators approve NF as the recipient of an honorary degree, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. There were no questions of fact. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken via show of hands and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The **motion** from SC was a recommendation that the elected faculty senators approve the granting of an Honorary Doctor of Humanities to NF, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. There were no questions of fact. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken via show of hands and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair reminded everyone that the names of honorary degree recipients were embargoed and asked that the names of the honorees not be mentioned outside the Senate meeting. She explained that after the Senate approved the honorees, the President would reach out to them.

4. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) – Zack Bray (LA), Chair

The Chair welcomed SAOSC Chair Zack Bray (LA).

- i. Proposed Name Change of the Department of Early Childhood, Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling to the Department of Early Childhood, Special Education, and Counselor Education
Bray explained the proposal for the name change of the Department of Early Childhood, Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling to the Department of Early Childhood, Special Education, and Counselor Education. The Chair then said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the Senate endorse the proposed name change of the Department of Early Childhood, Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling to the Department of Early Childhood, Special Education, and Counselor Education. There were no questions of fact. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken via show of hands and the motion **passed** with none opposed.
- ii. Proposed Name Change of College of Law to the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law
Bray explained the proposal for the name change of College of Law to the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law. The Chair then said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the Senate endorse the proposed name change of the College of Law to the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law. There were questions of fact about including “University of Kentucky” in the name of the college. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken via show of hands and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

b. Senate’s Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) – Aaron Cramer (EN/Electrical and Computer Engineering), Chair

Cramer recused himself and Vincent (BE) presented the Computer Engineering proposals in his place.

- i. Proposed New MS in Computer Engineering
Vincent explained the proposal for a new MS in Computer Engineering. There were no questions of fact. The Chair then said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that University Senate approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees, the establishment of a new MS in Computer Engineering, in the Department of Computer Science, in the College of Engineering. There were no questions of fact. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken via show of hands and the motion **passed** with none opposed and five abstained.
- ii. Proposed New PhD in Computer Engineering
Vincent explained the proposal for a new PhD in Computer Engineering. There were no questions of fact. The Chair then said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that University Senate approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees, the establishment of a new PhD in Computer Engineering, in the Department of Computer Science, in the College of Engineering. There were no questions of fact. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken via show of hands and the motion **passed** with none opposed and five abstained.

iii. Proposed New Doctorate of Social Work

Cramer explained the proposal for a new Doctorate of Social Work. There were no questions of fact. The Chair then said that the motion on the floor was a recommendation that University Senate approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees, the establishment of a new DSW in Social Work, in the College of Social Work. There were no questions of fact. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken via show of hands and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstaining.

c. Senate's Academic Facilities Committee (SAFC) – Chris Pool (AS/Anthropology), Chair

i. Proposed Changes to Senate Rules 1.4.2.3 (“Senate’s Academic Facilities Committee (SAFC)”)

Pool (AS) explained the proposed changes to *Senate Rules 1.4.2.3*. There were questions of fact about overlap of other committees and the definition of equipment. The Chair then said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that University Senate approve striking the second sentence of *SR 1.4.2.3*, which reads, “In this regard, it shall be concerned about such matters as classrooms, buildings...and musical instruments.” Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken via show of hands and the motion **passed** with one opposed and one abstained.

8. Items from the Floor

There were no items raised from the floor.

Forren (NU) **moved** to adjourn and Brown (AS) **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted by, Jennifer Osterhage
University Senate Secretary

Absences: Arnett, Beck, Bieber, Birdwhistell, Blonder, Boyle, Brion, Brown, Bruckner, Buchheit, Campbell, Capilouto, Cassis, Chung*, Collins, Cox, DiPaola, Eastham, Apps, Fancher, Feist-Price, Firey*, Flaherty, Goble, Griggs, Grossman, Gustafson, Guy, Hamilton, Harper, Heilig, Hunt, Jackson, Jones, Kelly, Kennedy*, Kirn, Kornbluh, Lauersdorf, Lephart, Loftin*, Lumpp, Mardini, Martin, McCormick*, Morgan, Nigam, Okeson, Oltmann*, Osterhage*, Pauly*, Phillips, Richey, Rogers, Rotkis, Saffari, Shaikh, Sheather, Smith*, Stemple, Stevenson, Swartz, Tagavi*, Taylor, Tovar, Turner, Vernon, Vosevich, Way*, White*, and Wilson.

* Denotes an explained absence.

Invited guests present: Kalea Benner, Sheila Brothers, Ralph Crystal, Mary Davis, and Morris Grubs.

Prepared by Stephanie Woolery on Wednesday, January 8, 2020.