

University Senate
February 13, 2017

The University Senate met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, February 13, 2017 in the Athletics Association Auditorium of W. T. Young Library. Below is a record of what transpired. Due to absences among the support staff, votes were taken via a show of hands.

Senate Council Chair Katherine McCormick (ED) called the University Senate (Senate) meeting to order about 3:00 pm.

1. Update on State and Federal Governmental Activity – President’s Office

University Senate Chair (President) Eli Capilouto shared information with senators about legislative activities at the state and national level. There were a variety of questions from senators, which the President answered to the best of his ability based on available information, given the fluid nature of legislation. Guest Sue Roberts, associate provost for internationalization, shared with senators an update about the recent (federal) executive order on refugees and immigration and the resources available through the University of Kentucky International Center (UKIC). Associate Provost for Internationalization Sue Roberts, Provost Tim Tracy, and President Capilouto responded to questions from senators.

2. South Campus Redevelopment – Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration Eric Monday

Guest Eric Monday, executive vice president for finance and administration, and Guest Mitch Barnhart, athletics director, gave a presentation to senators about future plans for the southern part of UK’s campus. There were a number of questions and comments from senators.

3. Minutes from December 12, 2016 and Announcements

The Chair reported that there were no edits or suggestions for the Senate minutes from December 12. There being **no objection**, the minutes from December 12 were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**. The Chair offered a variety of announcements.

- The March Senate meeting will be on March 20, to avoid meeting during UK’s spring break.
- A new diversity-related component for UK Core is moving its way through the approval process and will be presented to Senate soon.
- There are only 65 courses left in eCATS - Curriculog is up and is running well. The hope is that programs can be incorporated into Curriculog no later than spring 2018.
- A proposal from the Honors College Transition Committee will be presented to Senate before the end of the semester. The proposal involves appointing lecturers into the Lewis Honors College as these lecturers’ home educational unit.
- The Senate Council’s ad hoc Committee on Administrative Regulations 6:2 continues to work on recommendations. They expect to finish their recommendations and share them with Senate prior to the end of the semester.
- The SC’s ad hoc Committee on Title Series will hold its first meeting towards the end of February. The group is comprised of the chairs of the academic area advisory committees, as well as the membership of the Senate's Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure.

4. Officer and Other Reports

a. Chair

The Chair reported that the joint (Provost and SC) Blue-Ribbon Panel on Graduate Education is meeting and activities are underway. It is co-chaired by Brett Spear (ME/Microbiology and Immunology) and Carl Mattacola (HS/Rehabilitation Sciences, associate dean).

The Chair then gave updates on the activities of three search committees (associate provost for student and academic life, executive vice president for health affairs, and vice president for institutional diversity).

There will not be any honorary degrees for the May commencement ceremony. This is due, in part, to the timeline for the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees (UJCHD) being reworked to ensure there is sufficient time to bring nominees to the Senate for approval and to allow sufficient time for the President to communicate with the nominees prior to submission to the Board of Trustees. This will prevent the SC from being forced to act on behalf of Senate solely because of timing.

The Chair will send a letter of condolence to the family of the construction worker who died, recently, at the construction site of the new Student Center.

b. Vice Chair

There was no report from Vice Chair Bailey.

c. Parliamentarian

There was no report from Parliamentarian Seago.

d. Trustee

There was a brief report by the faculty trustees, Bob Grossman and Lee Blonder. The trustees mentioned the email they sent out jointly about the first Immigration Executive Order. For the most part the response from faculty was positive but the two trustees reported that they did receive a few emails from faculty who felt the email was inappropriate.

5. Degree Recipient

a. Late Addition to the Degree List (per Senate Rules 5.4.1.1.D.1-2)

i. Motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted (December 2014 Degree List and Second August 2016 Degree List) for Graduate School Student SM-60: Recommend Conferral of MA Anthropology (December 2014 Degree List) and Rescindment of MA Anthropology (Second August 2016 Degree List)

The Chair explained the agenda item. The **motion** from the SC was a recommendation that the elected faculty senators amend the December 2014 Degree List by recommending through the President to the Board of Trustees that Graduate School Student SM-60 be conferred the MA Anthropology and also recommend that the Second August 2016 Degree List be amended to rescind the MA Anthropology for Student SM-60. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

6. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) – Margaret Schroeder, Chair

i. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Engineering in Healthcare

Schroeder, chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC), explained the proposal and offered a brief rationale. The **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation that the Senate approve the

establishment of a new Graduate Certificate in Engineering in Healthcare, in the F. Joseph Halcomb, III, M. D. Department of Biomedical Engineering within the College of Engineering. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required.

Visona asked about the widespread use of the male pronoun to refer to the certificate's director. She asked if the certificate's director must be male. Schroeder explained that it was likely an oversight, as the paperwork was prepared by the male faculty member who will serve as the first director of the program. Schroeder said she would request an amended proposal to remove the gender-specific pronoun. There being no further questions, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and none abstained.

ii. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Manufacturing Systems

Schroeder explained the proposal. The **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation that the Senate approve the establishment of a new Graduate Certificate in in Manufacturing Systems, in the Department of Mechanical Engineering within the College of Engineering. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There were no comments from senators. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and none abstained.

7. Items from the Floor

No senators raised any issues.

Grossman **moved** to adjourn and McGillis **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and none abstained. The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ernie Bailey,
University Senate Secretary

Absences: Allen; Arnett; Atwood; Bada*; Birdwhistell, M.; Birdwhistell, T.; Blackwell; Brennan; Browning*; Cassis; Clark; Cofield; Cox; Danner; de Beer; DiPaola; D'Orazio*; Escobar; Fiedler*; Folmar; Ford; Forren*; Guy; Healy*; Hippisley; Jackson; Jones, D.; Kennedy; Knott; Kornbluh; Kurczaba; Kyrkanides; Martin, T., Martin, A.; Mazur; McMahon*; Murray*; O'Hair, D.*; O'Hair, M. J.*; Payne*; Reid; Rice*; Richey; Rohr; Royster; Sogin; Sokan; Stevens*; Summey; Tagavi*; Thompson; Tracy; Troutman; Vosevich; Webber; Wilson, K.; Wilson, M.*; Witt; and Youngberg.

Invited guests present: Eli Capilouto and Eric Monday.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Monday, March 13, 2017.

* Denotes an absence explained, typically prior to the meeting.