



Dear Colleagues,

Now that it finally feels like fall, and the semester is in full swing, I'm writing to you as part of the second edition of the Senate Newsletter. We received lots of positive feedback about last month's newsletter, and are pleased that there seems to be an appetite on campus for more information about the Senate's activities. I also received a few questions motivated by the newsletter, including a question about how exactly the Senate Council Chair is selected. You'll find an answer to that question in this version of the newsletter, and we hope to use future newsletters to explain other parts of the Senate's procedures and history.

We had an orientation session for new Senators before the September University Senate meeting, and the meeting itself provided Senators with lots of information about activities in the Senate Council office and across the University. President Capilouto spoke to the Senate during the meeting, describing some of his recent activities and news from across campus. If you'd like more detail about that presentation, you can access the transcript of the meeting [here](#). In the September meeting, the Senate also voted to recommend that the Board of Trustees award the University's August degrees, and we had a presentation from Assistant Provost for Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness [Annie Davis Weber](#) on changes to CIP codes that had happened over the past year.

We have a slightly longer agenda for the [October meeting](#), which is scheduled for Monday, October 14 at 3 pm. In this meeting Associate Provost for Internationalization Sue Roberts, who served as chair of the Implementation Advisory Team for Graduate Education, will present her committee's [report](#) regarding the future of graduate education at the University of Kentucky. In addition, several Senate committee chairs will make reports, including the chairs of the Senate

Library Committee, Senate Academic Programs Committee, Senate Retroactive Appeals Withdrawal Committee, and the Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee.

As Chair of the University Senate Council, I have continued to visit with Executive Committees and Faculty Councils of the various Colleges at U.K., as well as the Graduate Council and the Undergraduate Council. It is clear to me that there is an appetite for collaboration and innovation on our campus, which is exciting to see. As always, I encourage you to reach out to me if you'd like to volunteer to serve on a Senate Committee, or get involved in some other way with the Senate's activities. My hope is that you, the faculty, see the University Senate as *your* institution, representing your interests and responding to your wants and needs. We want to hear from you, or, even better, have you here at the table with us.

Thanks for reading this newsletter and responding so warmly to the activities of the Senate. If you'd ever like to have a cup of coffee, or come to my office to discuss University of Kentucky faculty matters, I do hope you'll reach out to me.



Best wishes,
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Undergraduate Research External Review

Following a self-study completed in the Spring Semester 2019 by the Office, a committee of eighteen faculty, staff, and students will conduct an external review of the Office of Undergraduate Research. Led by Patrick Lee Lucas (College of Design) with representatives from 11 colleges and several administrative units, the committee will interview key stakeholders in October. You can participate in the review in two ways, either by completing a survey online (https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_39IH3w9XFuEsmEJ) or by requesting an individual conversation with Dr. Lucas by directly emailing him, patrickleelucas@uky.edu.



Undergraduates engage and share many forms of research across the disciplines (L to R): **Jahsleighe Rochell** presenting at the UK Showcase of Undergraduate Scholars, **Aaron Reynolds** in Special Collections' Learning Lab, **Diana Sahibnazarova** presenting

at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), and **Lucas Barrett** in the lab with faculty mentor **Dr. Jeffrey Osborn** (Biology). Images courtesy UK Office of Undergraduate Research.

How is the Senate Council Chair Elected?



There are 94 elected faculty senators in the University Senate. The distribution of these Senate seats is determined annually using a formula described in the [Senate Rules](#) that accounts for the number of faculty and students in each College. All elected faculty Senators who hold seats in the fall semester and haven't been a member of the Senate Council in the previous year are eligible to run for the University Senate Council during the election, which happens in the fall. Each year we elect three new members of the Senate Council, who take office in January after

the election. An elected faculty term on the Senate Council lasts for three years, and there are nine total elected faculty members of the Senate Council. There are also three student seats on the Senate Council, one of whom is the President of the Student Government Association. Student terms on the Senate Council last for one year.

In November of each year, the Senate Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) solicits from the full Senate nominations of Senate Council members to serve as Senate Council Chair. Often several members of the Senate Council are nominated. Even Senate Council members whose terms are scheduled to end at the end of December are eligible to be nominated to serve as Chair the following year. In other words, there are typically nine faculty members who are eligible to be elected chair at any one time. The SREC solicits feedback from the full Senate on all nominees who have accepted the nomination. That feedback is then shared with the members of the Senate Council. Finally, in December, all twelve members of the Senate Council vote to elect a chair. That chair serves as "Chair-Elect" from December through May 31 of the following year, and then takes office on June 1 for a one year term. A Senate Council Chair is eligible to run for re-election for a second consecutive and final term in the following December.

For a complete discussion of the details of this election procedure, as well as all other Senate procedures, please see the [Senate Rules](#).

Fall Semester Senate Meeting Dates

October 14, 2019

November 11, 2019

December 9, 2019

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

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.

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