



UNIVERSITY SENATE MINUTES

May 1, 2025, 4:00–6:00 PM, AF 202

Light refreshments were available before the meeting at 3:30 PM in AF 202.

Present: Allan Back, Lorin Basden Arnold, Scott Bastedo, Christopher Bloh, Colin Bolger, Cheryl Brattley, Joanne Cohen, Richard Courtney, Deborah Duenyas, Kaoutar El Mounadi, Robert Flatley, Lisa Frye, Joe Harasta, Olivia Hartman, Kenneth Hawkinson, Cade Herndon, Caecilia Holt, Shelby Hoppis, Julia Hovanec, Loriann Irving, Eric Johnson, Tracy Keyes, Mahfuzul Khondaker, Yoon Mi Kim, Brian Kronenthal (for Padraig McLoughlin), Eric Laub, Steve Lem, Dannell MacIlwraith, Juliet Njoroge, Amy Pfeiler-Wunder, Kyra Richards, Megan Rutter, Rick Salafia, Jennifer Schlegel, Dylan Schwesinger, Greg Shelley, Kim Shively, Michelle Sims, Georges Sirrakos, Myung Song, Honey Svoboda, Veronique Vlaun, Todd Walker, Jennifer Wentz (for Tiffany Stasiunas), Todd Williams

Absent: Barry Althouse, Kate Clair, Marlene Fares, Shawn Riley, Marci Scheuing, Norm Sigmond, Lisa Weckerle, Gwendolyn Yoppolo

Guests: Jacklyn Downing, Andrea Krishman, Karen Rauch, Alex Darlington, Gabby Wilson

I. Call to Order – Lisa Frye

The meeting was called to order. A revised agenda was presented with no objections.

II. Announcements

- General Education Rating Day will be held on May 29. Please consider participating.
- Retirement gift was presented to President Ken Hawkinson on behalf of all the Senate Presidents and Senates that he supported during his tenure at KU.
- The name of the new KU president, Dr. Philip Cavalier was announced. He will visit campus the following week.
- A welcome reception will be held on Thursday in the Wells-Rapp Center for Mallet Percussion Research.
- A presidential transition committee is currently being formed.

III. Guest Speakers

A. Jenny Castro, Director of Undergraduate Recruitment

Provided an update on Admissions. A PowerPoint presentation is available in the May Senate SharePoint folder. Overall recruitment is going well.

IV. Approval of the Minutes – April 3, 2025

Pending correction of a name, the minutes were approved.

V. Standing Committee Reports

A. International Initiatives Committee

Written report available in the May Senate SharePoint folder.

B. Strategic Planning and Resources Committee (SPRC) – Steve Lem

Provided an update on a new program review directive from PASSHE. A task force is being formed. Additional details are in the SPRC notes located in the May Senate SharePoint folder.

VI. Reports

A. Senate President – Lisa Frye

No report.

B. Senate Vice President – Kim Shively

No report.

C. University President – Ken Hawkinson

Report provided earlier in the meeting.

D. University Provost – Lorin Basden Arnold

- Catalog updates are nearly complete.
- End-of-year events have been excellent.
- A comprehensive planning document is in progress, with efforts underway to address areas identified as having low enrollment.
- First-year scheduling will follow last year's model.
- Strategic and base funding requests are being submitted.
- A search is underway for a new Director of Institutional Research.
- Data requests should be directed to Mary, with IT support.

E. Student Government Board – Kyra Richards

- Several events are planned through the end of the semester.
- Additional student feedback events are in progress.
- A \$4 increase in the student activity fee has been proposed.
- Cade Herndon will serve as the next SGB President.

F. Assessment / Middle States – Karen Rauch

- Assessment reports will be due earlier this year—by September 12.
- Programs must complete reports and update curriculum maps.
- Middle States team visit dates:
 - Dr. Wheeler will meet via Zoom on June 18.
 - Full team visit: October 5–8.
 - The final report will be read on the morning of October 8.
- An announcement about the schedule will be made next week.
- Strategic goals must be entered into Nuventive.
- Overall outlook is cautiously optimistic.

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Senate Constitution Amendments – Lisa Frye

1. **Presidential Candidates and AWA Clause**
 - Motion to remove from table: Eric Johnson, seconded by Georges Sirrakos.
 1. Vote: 1 opposed (Richard Courtney).
 - Motion to vote called by Jen Schlegel, seconded by Greg Shelley.
 1. Request for a secret ballot called for by Cheryl Brattley.
 - Result: Motion failed (36 No, 3 Yes).
2. **Increase Student Representation**
 - Motion to remove from table: Eric Johnson; seconded by Kaoutar El Mounadi.
 1. Motion approved.
 - Motion to vote: Kaoutar El Mounadi; seconded by Honey Svoboda.
 1. Request for closed ballot by Jen Schlegel.
 - Result: Motion failed (2 Yes, 35 No, 2 Abstain).

VIII. New Business

A. Approval of May 2025 Graduates (Winter and Spring)

Motion made by Kyra Richards, seconded by Olivia Hartman. Approved.

B. Approval of Committee Appointees

Motion by the Committee on Committees. Approved.

C. Senate Officer Elections

Committee: Dannell MacIlwraith (Chair), Dylan Schwesinger, Caecilia Holt

Greg Shelley is the only candidate for Senate Vice-President.

Results: 1 abstention, 37 Yes votes.

IX. Good of the Order

- ACA 29 was not approved, but a mechanism for implementation is needed since it is currently in use.

- Suggestions were made to better integrate it into Starfish or another system.
- Review of process and policy improvements is underway. Steve Lem, Ben Trout and Lisa Frye will be working on this over the summer.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Colin Bolger; seconded by Kyra Richards.

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Respectfully submitted,
Julia L. Hovanec
Senate Secretary