



UNIVERSITY SENATE MINUTES

December 5, 2024

4:00-6:00 PM

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Present: Barry Althouse, Roman Altshuler, Lorin Basden Arnold, Scott Bastedo, Christopher Bloh, Colin Bolger, Cheryl Brattley, Kate Clair, Joanne Cohen, Deborah Duenyas, Marlene Fares, Robert Flattley, Mike Gabriel, Joe Harasta, Olivia Hartman, Kenneth Hawkinson, Cade Herndon, Caecilia Holt, Shelby Hoppis, Julia Hovanec, Loriann Irving, Tracy Keyes, Mahfuzul Khondaker, Yoon Mi Kim, Eric Laub, Steve Lem, Dannell MacIlwraith, Padraig McLoughlin, Juliet Njoroge, Kyra Richards, Megan Rutter, Jennifer Schlegel, Dylan Schwesinger, Kim Shively, Norm Sigmond, Myung Song, Tiffany Stasiunas, Jay Sunsay, Honey Svoboda, Veronique Vlaun

Absent: Richard Courtney, Kaoutar El Mounadi, Lisa Frye, Susan Mangold, Amy Pfeiler-Wunder, Shawn Riley, Rick Salafia, Marci Scheuing, Michele Sims, Georges Sirrakos, Todd Walker, Lisa Weckerle, Todd Williams, Gwendolyn Yoppolo

Guests: Jacklyn Downing, Andrea Kirshman, Karen Rauch, Gabriella Wilson, Briana Zdradzinski

I. Call to Order

- **Kim Shively** called the meeting to order.

II. Announcements

- Kim Shively filled in for Lisa Frye for the evening.
- Attendees were reminded to grab snacks if they hadn't already.
- Tickets for the Mandy Gonzalez Concert (KU Presents) were announced as available for tomorrow evening.

III. Guest Speakers

- **Community College Partnerships:** PASSHE and Community College Collaboration Workshop Case Study – *Ken Hawkinson*
 - Presented a brief version of a 45-minute workshop delivered to multiple stakeholders, including PDE.
 - Full PowerPoint presentation is available in the December SharePoint folder.
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IV. Approval of the Minutes

- **November 7, 2024** minutes were approved.
 - Motion: *Mahfuzul Khondaker*
 - Second: *Steve Lem*
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V. Reports

A. Senate President – Lisa Frye

- No report.

B. Senate Vice President – Kim Shively

- Highlighted upcoming “Willingness to Serve” initiative at the beginning of the Spring Semester.

C. University President – Ken Hawkinson

- Celebrated a great year and strong numbers.
- Provided an update on Middle States progress.
- Expressed appreciation for everyone’s work.

D. University Provost – Lorin Basden Arnold

- Announced the extension of the Excellence in Teaching Grant.
- Professional development related to teaching remains an opportunity.

E. Student Government Board – Kyra Richards

- Reported completion of all events and planning for Spring Semester.
- Refining the budget process.

F. Assessment/Middle States – Karen Rauch

- Shared updates from the AAC meeting, where the report was approved.
 - Mentioned that 99.5% of assessment reports are completed and submitted to the Provost for approval.
 - The Middle States report is in progress, with the first draft due by the end of January, to be shared with various groups.
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VI. Standing Committee Reports

A. Enrollment Management Committee – Marlene Fares

- Reported that the second meeting occurred today.
- Enrollment is performing well, with increases in most areas except transfers.
- *Lorin Basden Arnold* shared specific numbers, citing overall positive trends.
- Introduced a change to STARS by adding an interview component.

B. Undergraduate Academic Honesty Committee – Sandra Leonard

- Submitted a written report available in the Senate folder.
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VII. Unfinished Business

- No unfinished business.
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VIII. New Business

A. Approval of December 2024 Graduates

- Motion: *Kyra Richards*
- Second: *Megan Rutter*
- Approved.

B. Approval of Summer 2025 Graduates

- Motion: *Kyra Richards*
- Second: *Mahfuzul Khondaker*
- Approved.

C. Senate Officer Elections – Nomination Committee (*Dannell MacIlwraith (chair), Jen Schlegel, Caecilia Holt*)

- Results:
 - *Lisa Frye*: 32 yes votes, 1 abstention
 - *Julia Hovanec*: 33 yes votes
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IX. Good of the Order

- No items were raised.
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X. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: *Padraig McLoughlin*
 - Second: *Colin Bolger*
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Respectfully submitted,
Julia L. Hovanec
Senate Secretary