



UNIVERSITY SENATE MINUTES

November 7, 2024

4:00-6:00 PM

AF 103

Present: Barry Althouse, Roman Altshuler, Scott Bastedo, Christopher Bloh, Colin Bolger, Cheryl Brattley, Kate Clair, Joanne Cohen, Deborah Duenyas, Kaoutar El Mounadi, Marlene Fares, Robert Flattley, Lisa Frye, Mike Gabriel, Joe Harasta, Olivia Hartman, Cade Herndon, Caecilia Holt, Julia Hovanec, Tracy Keyes, Mahfuzul Khondaker, Yoon Mi Kim, Brian Kronenthal (for Pdraig McLoughlin), Eric Laub, Steve Lem, Dannell MacIlwraith, Pdraig McLoughlin, Juliet Njoroge, Amy Pfeiler-Wunder, Kyra Richards, Shawn Riley, Rick Salafia, Jennifer Schlegel, Dylan Schwesinger, Kim Shively, Norm Sigmond, George Sirrakos, Myung Song, Tiffany Stasiunas, Jay Sunsay, Honey Svoboda, Todd Walker, Lisa Weckerle, Todd Williams, Gwendolyn Yoppolo

Absent: Lorin Basden Arnold, Richard Courtney, Kenneth Hawkinson, Shelby Hoppis, Loriann Irving, Megan Rutter, Marci Scheuing, Michele Sims, Veronique Vlaun

Guests: Camille DeMarco, Jacklyn Downing, Andrea Kirshman, Brian Kronenthal, Karen Rauch, Leanne Recla, Carl Sheperis, Gabriella Wilson, Brianna Zdradzinski

I. Call to Order

Lisa Frye called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

II. Announcements

Lisa Frye announced there were no updates.

III. Guest Speakers

A. KU Brand Overview – Leanne Recla

Leanne provided an overview of the KU branding team, consisting of four members responsible for brand management, print media, social media, photography, video, advertising, and *Tower* magazine. For detailed information, refer to the PowerPoint presentation in the November folder.

IV. Approval of the Minutes from October 3, 2024

The minutes were accepted as presented.

V. Reports

A. Senate President – Lisa Frye

- Alex Darlington encouraged the Senate to increase student representation.

- A follow-up discussion was held regarding the bookstore presentation. Efforts to raise awareness about adopting textbooks are ongoing to reduce the number of reminder emails throughout the semester.
- Some titles will transition from inclusive access to Library Delivery, which offers significant cost savings.

B. Senate Vice President – Kim Shively

- No report.

C. Student Government Board – Kyra Richards

- The SGB held its safety walk on November 5 and identified approximately 60 areas requiring improvement. KU has already begun addressing some of these issues.
- Recent events focused on diversity and inclusivity.
- E-board elections have concluded.
- Budget finalization for the next year is in progress and may be shared with the Senate for review.

D. Assessment/Middle States – Karen Rauch

- Updates included the 5-year reviews for administrative units, with academic units undergoing the process via SPRC. A new sub-committee of SPRC was created for administrative unit reviews.
- Reviews will be documented in Nuventive.
- Annual assessments noted that graduate studies are seeking reviewers for student learning outcomes.

E. Student Success – Andrea Kirshman & Brianna Zdradzinski

- Andrea noted a decline in applicants for the Chambliss Achievement Academic Awards. Suggestions included simplifying the application form and updating the website to promote the award. Encourage students to apply for these awards.
- Brianna provided updates on transfer students. Additional information is available in the November folder.

VI. Standing Committee Reports

A. Grade Appeal Board – Christopher Bloh

- Three appeals were reviewed for passing grades: one was granted, and two were denied.

B. Library Committee

- Refer to the written report in the November folder.

VII. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was discussed.

VIII. New Business

A. Officer Election Committee

- Chair: Dannell MacIlwraith
- Members: Jen Schlegel, Caecilia Holt
- Lisa Frye will run for another term as president and Julia Hovanec will run for another term as secretary.
- Anyone interested in running should contact the committee chair, Dannell MacIlwraith.

B. ASPC Policies – Brian Kronenthal, ASPC Chair

1. **ACA-019: Transfer Credits (revision)**
 - Motion by George Sirrakos and seconded by Jen Schlegel to send the policy back to the committee for updates based on PASSHE changes. Motion passed.
2. **ACA-037: Graduate Admissions (revision)**
 - Minor updates were made to align the policy with current Graduate Admissions practices. Motion passed.
3. **Incomplete Grades (new policy)**
 - Updates include adding student ID and course number to the form and reorganizing the signature section. Motion passed with one opposition.
4. **Professional Licensure Disclosures (new policy)**
 - Policy aligns with new federal regulations. Motion passed.
5. **Graduate Assistantship Termination and Reassignment (new policy)**
 - This new policy aligns with similar policies at other PASSHE institutions. Motion passed.

IX. Good of the Order

1. **Degree Granting Institutions**
 - Jen Schlegel asked about degree-granting processes. Lisa Frye clarified that the final 30 of the last 60 credits must be taken from the state system university granting the degree according to the new PASSHE policy for residency.
2. **Safety and Accessibility**
 - Barry Althouse discussed the safety walk and accessibility issues. Everyone is encouraged to review their areas for compliance.
3. **AI Initiatives**
 - Carl Sheperis shared updates on AI integration at KU. Partnering with EAB research, KU is exploring how AI could augment or automate various careers. Contact Carl Sheperis if you are interested in serving on the AI Task Force, which was created by ATC.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM. Motion by George Sirrakos, seconded by Scott Bastedo.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia L. Hovanec

Senate Secretary

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