



University Senate Minutes

October 2, 2025 | 4:00–6:00 PM | AF 202

Present: Allan Back, Lorin Basden Arnold, Scott Bastedo, Christopher Bloh, Colin Bolger, Cheryl Brattley, Patricia Benner, Mario Cardozo, Emily Cripe (for Diana Ebersole), Kaoutar El Mounadi, Robert Flatley, Lisa Frye, Cade Herndon, Caecilia Holt, Eric Johnson, Tracy Keyes, Yoon Mi Kim, Sue Kong, Eric Laub, Steve Lem, Todd McFeely, Padraig McLoughlin, Juliet Njoroge, Amy Pfeiler-Wunder, Megan Rutter, Jennifer Schlegel, Dylan Schwesinger, Greg Shelley, Michelle Sims, Georges Sirrakos, Myung Song, Jay Sunsay, Honey Svoboda, Damaiya Turner, Veronique Vlaun, Todd Walker, Lisa Weckerle, Luke Williams, Todd Williams

Absent: Barry Althouse, Diana Ebersole, Julia Hovanec, Loriann Irving, Mahfuzul Khondaker, Megan O’Byrne, Shawn Riley, Marci Scheuing, Norm Sigmond, Leslie Sotomayor, Tiffany Stasiunas

Guests: Matt Delaney, Jacklyn Downing, Lisa Kowalski, Karen Rauch, Carl Sheperis, Gabby Wilson

I. Call to Order

II. Announcements

Motion made by **Lisa Frye** to adjust the agenda order, moving unfinished business to Item III. Motion approved.

III. Unfinished Business

A. ASPC Policies – Brian Kronenthal, Chair

1. **ACA-XXX – Graduate Certificates and Stackable Certificates (New)**
Discussion followed with questions directed to **Carl Sheperis**. Policy passed unanimously.
2. **ACA-XXX – Undergraduate Enrollment in Graduate-Level Courses (New)**
Discussion and questions directed to **Carl Sheperis**. Policy passed unanimously.

IV. Guest Speakers

A. Matt Delaney – Budget Update

See the PowerPoint presentation in the [October Senate SharePoint Folder](#) for details on:

- Historical financial results
- Original Approved Budget FY 25–26
- Current Budget Projections
- Next Steps

Floor opened for questions.

B. Jacklyn Downing – KU Campus Store (Bookstore)

See the PowerPoint presentation in the [October Senate SharePoint Folder](#) for:

- KUSI Overview
- Recent Changes
- Inclusive Access
- Action Items

Discussion followed regarding scholarships, with guidance that such questions be directed to an upcoming town hall meeting since scholarships are outside the Senate’s academic purview.

Bookstore staff expressed appreciation to faculty and administrative assistants for their support. Various Senate members offered praise to **Jacklyn Downing** for her ongoing work to ensure access, affordability, and inclusion of materials for all students.

V. Approval of the Minutes – September 4, 2025

Minutes approved as submitted.

VI. Reports

A. Senate President – Lisa Frye

- The **Senate Elections Taskforce** has been formed:
Chair – Colin Bolger; Members – Amy Pfeiler-Wunder, Lisa Weckerle.
- Announcements and solicitations for the **Vice President** position will occur at the November meeting.

- No changes in Senate membership numbers this year; future adjustments will be considered.

B. Senate Vice President – Greg Shelley

- The **Committee on Committees** reviewed all “Willingness to Serve” forms. The document is available in the [Senate SharePoint Folder](#). All appointments were unanimously accepted.

Committee Appointments:

- *Academic Exceptions Committee*: Roseanne Perkins
- *Commission on the Status of Women*: Jordan Herzog Caprio (Female Faculty Representative), Darren Achey (Male Faculty Representative)
- *Committee on Committees*: McKenzie Hollenbach (Professional Staff Representative)

C. University Provost – Lorin Basden Arnold

Shared four of five current focus areas, including:

- Updating program guides to ensure ADA compliance.
- Expanding online learning opportunities strategically.
- Clarifying curricular terminology (Major, Minor, Concentration, Track, etc.).
- Identifying and removing unnecessary barriers to student success.

Floor opened for questions and discussion.

D. Student Government Board – Cade Herndon

- Treasury meeting successful.
- *Safety Walk*: November 5 at 5:00 PM.
- Recent retreat was productive and well attended.

E. Assessment / Middle States – Karen Rauch

- **Middle States Visit**: October 5–7, focusing on *High-Impact Practices*.
- The final schedule is posted on the Middle States website and was shared with the Senate.
- Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend sessions.

VII. Standing Committee Reports

- *Academic Exceptions Committee* – written report available in SharePoint.
- *Center for Engaged Learning* – written report available in SharePoint.

VIII. New Business

A. Election of University Senate Representatives – *Lisa Frye*

1. **Enrollment Management Committee (2025–2028):** Todd McFeely – *elected unanimously*
2. **Institutional Climate Committee (2025–2028):** Megan O’Byrne – *elected unanimously*

Faculty Exceptional Service Award Committee (3 Faculty Senators):

Lisa Frye (Chair), Jennifer Schlegel, Eric Johnson, Patricia Benner – *elected unanimously*

Staff Exceptional Service Award Committee (3 Staff Senators):

Lisa Frye (Chair), Megan Rutter, Honey Svoboda, Cheryl Brattley – *elected unanimously*

IX. Good of the Order

Updates: a township representative shared plans addressing the sidewalk issue, including a three-phase plan and a study related to warehouse traffic along Route 222 was discussed.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by **Padraig McLoughlin**, seconded by **Megan Rutter**.
Meeting adjourned.

 **October 2025 Folder:** [University Senate SharePoint Site – October 2025](#)

 **Short Link:** bit.ly/KU-Senate-Oct25

Respectfully submitted,

Julia L. Hovanec

Senate Secretary