



UNIVERSITY SENATE Minutes
November 2nd, 2023
4:00-6:00
AF 103

Present: Colin Bolger, Cheryl Brattley, Kate Clair, Joanne Cohen, Richard Courtney, Kaoutar El Mounadi, Kristina Fennelly, Lisa Frye, Mike Gabriel, Amanda Garcia, Jen Gehringer, Joe Harasta, Olivia Hartman, Angela Hernandez, Julia Hovanec, Anthony Jefferson, Tracy Keyes, Mahfuzul Khondaker, Yoon Mi Kim, Pierette Kulpa, Eric Laub, Pdraig McLoughlin, Steve Lem, Christine Price, Wendy Rogers, Rick Salafia, Jennifer Schlegel, Dylan Schwesinger, Kim Shively, George Sirrakos, Myung Song, Dan Stafford, Gavin Stone, Jay Sunsay, Todd Walker, Gwendolyn Yoppolo

Absent: Roman Altshuler, Lorin Basden Arnold, Mario Cardozo, Frances Cortez Funk, Cara Cotellese, Kenneth Hawkinson, Shelby Hoppis, Loriann Irving, Dannel MacIlwraith, Shawn Riley, Angelo Rodriguez, Marci Scheuing, Norm Sigmond, Jill Sober-White, Veronique Vlaun

Guests: Christopher Bloh, Jacklyn Downing, Andrea Kirshman, Erin Kraal, Lisa Kowalski, Brian Kronenthal, Karen Rauch, Carl Sheperis, Gabby Wilson

I. Call to Order - Lisa Frye

II. Guest Speaker - Carl Sheperis, Vice Provost for Extended & Lifelong Learning & Dean of Graduate Studies

- A. Grow with Google and Coursera – Workforce Development - charge from President and Provost. Non-credit workforce development opportunities. How do we create a value-added component internal to the KU system? The courses are developed by Google and Meta. Pathways - end up with a digital badge Adding it as value-add for faculty, staff, and students. Will be launched in January. Used to help students individually and in courses. 600 courses in Coursera. Faculty could add as an in-class assignment or just take as faculty, staff, or students. Through workforce development platform, Destiny One. Committed to make sure will not violate CBA. Opened up to Questions. PASSHE has an agreement with Coursera for Grow with Google. 70,000 to enter in the Coursera agreement for two years. Will this ever be credit-bearing? No talk of that. Why are we doing this? To get the branding of KU into all kinds of avenues and business and it is forward-thinking. People who complete these certificates may be more likely to continue their education. Highly business focused - now moving beyond business, STEM and other areas. Free for all staff, faculty and students. Looking in to offering it to alumni. There is an image from presentation in Senate Dec 2023 meeting folder.

III. Approval of the Minutes from October 5th, 2023 with one date correction - Approved

IV. Reports

- A. **Senate President – Lisa Frye** - Signage in Old Main still in progress. The policy ACA 008 is approved by President Hawkinson and posted.
- B. **Senate Secretary – Julia Hovanec** - Senate Professional Staff - Cheryl Brattley (3-year term) & Steve Lem (1-year term) SPRC Professional Staff - Laurie McMillan
- C. **Student Government Board – Gavin Stone** - Welcomed seven new members - attended warehouse meeting. Discussions around student parking near dorms and adding shuttle stop. Had a town hall event and a Trunk or Treat on October 31st. Student concerns about timely warning and incident reports. Talk of a possible protest. Confusion from information that is not allowed to be shared. Rise in concern on campus safety. Scheduled a Campus Safety Walk. Addressing accessibility on campus and budget is underway.
- D. **Assessment/Middle States – Karen Rauch** - See power point in Senate Dec 2023 meeting folder. Forming working groups. Participate in self-study institute complete, identify institutional priorities is in progress, submit self-study design will be in March of 2024, host campus visit from our Vice President Robert Bonfiglio will be the end of March or first week in April. Why do we have to identify institutional priorities? Ensure that the middle states self-study report and the accreditation process are informative insightful and valuable. Forward looking and match mission.

V. Standing Committee Reports

- A. **Center for Engaged Learning Advisory Board - Erin Kraal** - See power point presentation in Senate Dec 2023 meeting folder.
- B. **Grade Appeal Board - Chris Bloh** - There was one W appealed and it was approved.

VI. Unfinished Business

- A. Lisa Frye - Shared Governance implementation still in progress.
- B. Discussion around eliminating Undergraduate Admissions Exceptions Committee as Senate committee since has been operating as only as admissions. Motion made by Steve Lem to do so and seconded by Padrig McLoughlin. Motion passed.
- C. Senate Constitution Task Force still a work in progress.

VII. New Business

- A. **Academic Standards and Policies - Brian Kronenthal**
 - 1. ACA-XXX: Automatic Archiving of Courses - Revisit from last Senate meeting when it was asked by Senate to go back to committee. ASPC took the suggestion of Senate about the two-year warning period, see additional handout for a more complete explanation. Motion from ASPC passed.
 - 2. ACA-042: Academic Warning, Probation, and Dismissal of Undergraduate Students. See handout for complete explanation. Under the current policy many students were not evaluated every semester allowing them to remain at KU for several years without making good academic progress. The motion from ASPC passed with one abstention , Padrig McLoughlin
- B. Nominations for Senate Officers - Nomination Committee Representative Colin Bolger - Announced there will be two executive positions for Senate next year including Secretary and Vice President. Send position statements to Colin and there are no restrictions as far

as who can run at this time. Other members of the committee are Pierette Kulpa & Amanda Garcia

VIII. Adjournment 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia L. Hovanec, Secretary, University Senate

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