



UNIVERSITY SENATE MINUTES

April 4, 2024,

4:00-6:00 PM, AF 202

Present: Lorin Basden Arnold, Colin Bolger, Cheryl Brattley, Mario Cardozo, Joanne Cohen, Kaoutar El Mounadi, Lisa Frye, Mike Gabriel, Jen Gehringer, Joe Harasta, Olivia Hartman, Kenneth Hawkinson, Shelby Hoppis, Julia Hovanec, Loriann Irving, Anthony Jefferson, Tracy Keyes, Yoon Mi Kim, Pierette Kulpa, Eric Laub, Pdraig McLoughlin, Megan Rutter, Rick Salafia, Jennifer Schlegel, Kim Shively, Norm Sigmond, Myung Song, Dan Stafford, Gavin Stone, Jay Sunsay, Veronique Vlaun, Todd Walker, Jianfeng Wang, Gwendolyn Yoppolo

Absent: Kate Clair, Cara Cotellese, Frances Cortez Funk, Kristina Fennelly, Amanda Garcia, Angie Hernandez, Mahfuzul Khondaker, Steve Lem, Dannell Macllwraith, Christine Price, Shawn Riley, Angelo Rodriguez, Wendy Rogers, Marci Scheuing, Dylan Schwesinger, George Sirrakos

Guests: Matt Asad, Matt Delaney, Nadia Daher, Andrea Kirshman, Elizabeth Kolb, Karen Rauch, Thomas Robinson, Stephen St. Onge, Gabby Wilson, Christopher Weiler

I. Call to Order - Lisa Frye @ 4:02

II. Announcements - Change in order of the agenda - President will report first.

III. Guest Speakers -

A. Steve St. Onge - VP Enrollment Management & Student Affairs - Discussed updates and shared phone number. Talked about the Financial Aid situation. KU is ready to process 6000 ISIRS on April 9th. 20 percent of them will need to be redone. There is a team on campus to be able to process them asap. Made sure messaging and communication is the best it can be. Discussed Accepted Students Day - 2041 people coming, 783 students.

B. Matt Delaney - Vice President Finance & Facilities - See PowerPoint in April folder.

C. Cheryl Brattley - Professional Staff Representative - See PowerPoint in April folder.

IV. Approval of the Minutes - March 7, 2024 - Accepted.

V. Reports

A. Senate President - Lisa Frye - Signage in Old Main is still an issue but there is a meeting next week. ACA -055 has been approved.

B. Senate Vice President - Cara Cotellese - by Lisa Frye - COC has appointed members for committees. Asking for approval. There are still some positions that need to be filled. Reviewed three committee bylaw updates. Cara thanks all leaving committee for their service. Hardworking group of great people.

C. Senate Secretary - Julia Hovanec - We have candidates for all open positions on elected committees, which includes COC, Grade Appeal, and SPRC. We will be conducting the elections in the next few weeks. The Senate sent out an email to all tenure, tenure-track, and coaches for two at-large faculty and coach senate representatives.

D. University President - Ken Hawkinson - Discussed the Field Hockey Team's visit to the State Capital. Shared plans for a sidewalk to Giant, but no further details. There is a State System Board of Governors meeting coming up soon. Talked about the Governor's Blueprint which is a proposal to develop a whole new board of governors including the 10 PASSHE schools and community colleges with the goal of greater affordability for students. There are some concerns about this, and it is a long way off. There is no talk of any mergers or closures. The State System invested 27 million dollars in OneSis. An additional note: as far as scheduling classes across campuses. It will not be in place until 2026. Right now, it is cumbersome and unwieldy.

E. University Provost - Lorin Basden Arnold - Sent out written report earlier in the day. Faculty breakfast with provost, everyone has been invited. At the beginning of next year will have similar meetings with staff. Project to move CDC to library is put on big hold, just too expensive.

F. Student Government Board - Gavin Stone - Addressing student concerns - administration is improving communications with SGB. Selecting time to meet for advocacy day April 19th. The student budget is finalized with the 193-dollar activity fee. There have been changes to the by-laws. Finishing goals and looking toward the future. Annual safety walk will move to an annual safety week.

G. Assessment/Middle States - Karen Rauch - New middle states liaison was here this past Monday. Everything went well. There were some suggestions for the self-study design. The document before the document. He wants more on financial stability and for us to show the impact on the students. Mentioned that MS is still genuinely concerned about educational assessment. Assessment of all entities, not just academic. May 21st is GEPAC assessment day. Please plan on attending. The next steps are to revise the document and resubmit and the seven working groups finishing their outline of chapter due October 1st.

VI. Standing Committee Reports

A. Athletics Policies & Programs - see written report in April folder.

B. Institutional Climate Committee (ICC) - Christopher Weiler - See PowerPoint in April folder

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Shared Governance Implementation - Lisa Frye - Announced every recommendation made has been discussed. Report in May.

B. Senate Constitution Task Force - Kate Clair, Dan Stafford, Veronique Vlaun - Thanks to them!

VIII. New Business

A. Committee Bylaws changes - COC

1. Library Committee - Passed.
2. Academic Exceptions Committee - Merging of the two committees. Passed.
3. ASPC Committee - Motion to table made by Padraig McLoughlin and seconded by Colin Bolger. Motion passed.

IX. Good of the Order - NA

X. Adjournment - Motion by Padraig McLoughlin and seconded by Pierette Kulpa

Respectfully submitted,
Julia L. Hovanec

Supporting materials can be found here...

<https://livekutztown.sharepoint.com/sites/KU-SP-UNIVERSITYSENATE/University/Forms/AllItems.aspx?id=%2Fsites%2FKU%2DSP%2DUNIVERSITYSENATE%2FUniversity%2F2023%2D24%2FApril%202024&viewid=c1988b29%2D08c4%2D43b4%2D9cd7%2D27e29ef74aeb>