



**UNIVERSITY SENATE MINUTES**

**May 2, 2024**

**4:00-6:00 PM, AF 202**

*Light Refreshments were available before the meeting at 3:30 in AF 202*

Present: Roman Altshuler, Lorin Basden Arnold, Cheryl Brattley, Mario Cardozo, Joanne Cohen, Kaoutar El Mounadi, Kristina Fennelly, Lisa Frye, Mike Gabriel, Jen Gehringer, Joe Harasta, Kenneth Hawkinson, Julia Hovanec, Loriann Irving, Anthony Jefferson, Tracy Keyes, Yoon Mi Kim, Pierette Kulpa, Eric Laub, Steve Lem, Dannell MacIlwraith, Padraig McLoughlin, Christine Price, Rick Salafia, Jennifer Schlegel, Kim Shively, Norm Sigmond, George Sirkakos, Dan Stafford, Gavin Stone, Jay Sunsay, Veronique Vlaun, Todd Walker, Gwendolyn Yoppolo

Absent: Colin Bolger, Kate Clair, Cara Cotellese, Frances Cortez Funk, Amanda Garcia, Olivia Hartman, Angie Hernandez, Shelby Hoppis, Mahfuzul Khondaker, Shawn Riley, Angelo Rodriguez, Wendy Rogers, Megan Rutter, Marci Scheuing, Dylan Schwesinger, Jill Sober-White, Myung Song

Guests: Scott Bastedo, Rebecca Burns, Jacklyn Downing, Andrea Kirshman, Erin Kraal, Karen Rauch, Gabby Wilson

I. Call to Order - Lisa Frye @ 4:10

II. Announcements - Lisa Frye - Thanks to President Hawkinson for sponsoring food.

III. Guest Speakers

A. Early College Academy – Rebecca Burns - Goal is to provide accelerated access for careers in education for high school students. There are now twenty partnering high schools. See power point in May Senate Folder for additional information.

IV. Approval of the Minutes from April 4, 2024 - Accepted

V. Reports

A. Senate President – Lisa Frye - There will be a temporary solution in place in the summer for the signage in Old Main and in the long-term there is a plan for a frame that will be able to be changed easily. Thanked all senators with a special thanks to Cara Cotellese. Please consider attending commencement.

B. Senate Vice President – Cara Cotellese - No report

C. Senate Secretary – Julia Hovanec - Elected positions - see the list in the May senate folder.

D. University President – Ken Hawkinson - Spent today at baseball game with KU's team at Coca Cola Park. Busy sprint to end of the academic year. 50<sup>th</sup> graduating class reunion this Saturday. Dean of students' finalists on campus this week. They are all very strong. There are FAFSA issues but still able to put out packages this week. Discussed State System blueprint and advocacy. It is largely on hold. Some legislation setting up another committee to look at a lot of the issues in the blueprint and report in 2026. Advocacy for 6.5 percent for budget. Keep an eye on legislation for increased financial aid for students. There was a question posed by Steve Lem about House bill 2041 (ban DEI training in higher education). Will look into it but mentioned changing the name.

E. University Provost – Lorin Basden Arnold - Exciting things going on at KU. Thanked everyone. There will be new professional development opportunities next year including AI and belongingness.

F. Student Government Board – Gavin Stone - Brief update - Monday took trip to capitol (12 went to advocate for PASSHE system). Elections were held, Gavin Stone will continue on. They are participating in the Dean of Students sessions.

G. Assessment/Middle States – Karen Rauch - Tomorrow the office of assessment will send out newsletter about how to access the feedback. Will have link to upload the report for this year which is due in September. Working groups for Middle States are still writing their outlines. Draft one is due October 1<sup>st</sup>. Still collecting data.

H. Student Success – Andrea Kirshman - Around all summer long. Just a friendly reminder about the summer reboot program which is tied to the Title 3 grant.

## VI. Standing Committee Reports

A. Library Committee – written report - See May Senate folder.

B. SPRC – written report - See May Senate folder.

## VII. Unfinished Business

A. Shared Governance Implementation – Lisa Frye - There is a report in the May folder as well as slides that review the work of the committee. One thing left is to create a graphic to visually illustrate shared governance.

#### VIII. New Business

A. Approval of the Winter and May 2024 graduates – Lisa Frye - Motion to accept - Gavin Stone and seconded by Lorin Basdin Arnold. Passed.

B. Approve committee appointees – Committee on Committees - See COC appointees list in May folder. Passed. There are still a few remaining open positions. Dan Stafford volunteered for the Library opening.

C. Committee Bylaws changes – Committee on Committees

1. ASPC Committee - Passed.
2. Events Advisory Committee - Passed.
3. Center for Engaged Learning Advisory Board - Passed.

#### IX. Good of the Order - NA

X. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Steve Lem and seconded by Jen Schlegel at 5:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julia L. Hovanec

Link to May Senate Folder

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