



**UNIVERSITY SENATE AGENDA**

**September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**4:00-6:00**

**AF 103**

**Present:** Lorin Basden Arnold, Colin Bolger, Kate Clair, Joanne Cohen, Cara Cotellese, Richard Courtney, Kaoutar El Mounadi, Lisa Frye, Mike Gabriel, Amanda Garcia, Jen Gehringer, Joe Harasta, Olivia Hartman, Kenneth Hawkinson, Angela Hernandez, Shelby Hoppis, Julia Hovanec, Tracy Keyes, Mahfuzul Khondaker, Yoon Mi Kim, Pierette Kulpa, Eric Laub, Pdraig McLoughlin, Christine Price, Shawn Riley, Rick Salafia, Jennifer Schlegel, Dylan Schwesinger, Kim Shively, Norm Sigmond, George Sirrakos. Myung Song, Dan Stafford, Gavin Stone, Jay Sunsay, Veronique Vlaun, Todd Walker, Gwendolyn Yoppolo

**Guests:** Jacklyn Downing, Andrea Kirshman, Lisa Kowalski, Brian Kronenthal, Learie Nurse, Karen Rauch

**Absent:** Frances Cortez Funk, Kristina Fennelly, Anthony Jefferson, Dannell Macilwraith, Angelo Rodriguez, Wendy Rogers, Marci Scheuing, Jill Sober-White

**I. Call to Order @ 4 PM**

- A. Thanks for serving as Senators
- A. Agenda Adopted

**II. Announcements**

- A. Starfish Attendance Verification Reminder

**III. Introductions of Senators**

**IV. Guest Speaker**

- A. **Learie Nurse, VP Enrollment Management and Student Affairs** - Shared vision and background as well as the offices he oversees including Housing and Dining (closing in on 100 percent occupancy), Enrollment Management, Health & Wellness Centers, Financial Aid, Student Affairs, and other duties as assigned. New director of admissions

starting this month...Jennifer Castro. Goals are mental health awareness, equitable access for all students and more.

#### **V. Approval of the Minutes from May 4, 2023**

Motioned then seconded and approved.

#### **VI. Reports**

##### **A. University President – Ken Hawkinson**

McFarland's visiting for three events this weekend, de Francesco Building is opening soon, watch or read the convocation speech for more information including many building projects. Senators represent everyone. This is a very important body. Chancellor visit is September 22<sup>nd</sup> 11:30-12:30

##### **B. Senate President – Lisa Frye**

First names, thanks again, share with your constituents, signage in OM will be forthcoming. Senate office moved OLD MAIN 205 & 202.

##### **C. Senate Vice President – Cara Cotellesse**

No report COC will be meeting shortly.

##### **D. Senate Secretary – Julia Hovanec**

Will be conducting the Professional Staff Senators at Large Willingness to Serve soon.

##### **E. University Provost – Lorin Basden Arnold**

Thanks for being here. Students are great. Breakfast with the Provost will continue. Pass on accomplishments of note to Provost's office. Addressed Grow with Google will be an extensive process. Questions posed by Kate Clair. More information about Grow with Google will be revealed in the weeks to come. Coursera - technical-related online. Non-credit. 100 seats from PASSHE for a few years. Many are free unless students want a formal certificate. Are they geared to specific populations? Yes, adult learners. Where does APSCUF stand on this? (Unknown but has to do with Article 27). Destiny One would be the platform (like D2L). Has to do with lifelong learning. Opportunity for professional growth and development. Assessments are unknown currently. Discussed percentage about using non-credit courses towards a program of study. Embedding them within another course is a way these courses can be used or any other business that need retraining. These are previously existing courses.

##### **F. Student Government Board – Gavin Stone**

SGB very proactive - first two meetings, planned retreat for 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Assigned committee chairs. Represented at convocation and Unity Day. Elections are open.

##### **G. Assessment/Middle States – Karen Rauch**

Middle States will go smoothly. Newsletter from office of assessment includes templates to complete assessment reports. Will go over the template in two open Q&A sessions. Due on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Dates for Q&A will be announced in newsletter and in the Daily Brief. There will also be a drop-in time for those who have questions. There are seven new standards. First school to go through with

the new standards which is a good thing. Seem to be more organized with evidence of what is submitted. Two co-chairs for each standard in addition to the five steering committee members. Question by Richard C. about disaggregated data and where it will come from - answer... the IR level.

## **VII. Unfinished Business**

### **A. Shared Governance Implementation**

Started Shared Governance Implementation two years ago. Senate approved in May. It's a lot and being worked on. Too many committees and not as many people serve. Goal to be finished by the end of the semester. Try to consolidate the Willingness to Serves.

### **B. Senate Constitution Task Force**

Lisa will pick up now and regroup. Looking for three people who are willing to work on the taskforce. Kate Clair & Norm Sigmond volunteered. Dan Stafford also agreed to serve o the taskforce.

## **VIII. New Business**

### **A. Call for Senate Parliamentarian by Lisa Frye**

No volunteers. Contact Lisa if interested.

### **B. Academic Standards and Policies presented by Brian Kronenthal**

1. ACA-019 and ACA-023 - Question about definition of major credit so new language to explicitly define what major credit. Also, minor requirement half of the credits being taken at KU, now 6 and be 200 level or higher. Majors still require 50 percent. Motion to accept the updated for ACA-019 and to eliminate ACA-23 made. Motion passes.

2. ACA-021 and ACA-071 – Motion to approve the updated language on these two policies. Wanted to clean them up and update. Motion passes.

## **IX. Good of the Order**

Christine Price – preferred name policy for students who have a policy in place but not for faculty (in the works).

Jen Schlegel - Invited to Open House Department of Sociology and Anthropology

## **X. Adjournment @ 6 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

***Julia L. Hovanec, Secretary, University Senate***

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