

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Meeting Specifics				
Purpose	Frequency			
Regularly Scheduled	Bi-weekly			
Date	Time	Location		
March 10, 2025	3:00-5:00 p.m.	GSC Senate Chambers		
Faculty Senate				
☑ Chair: Crawford, Christopher	🛮 Design: Bergeron, Emily	☑ Honors: Martin, Joe		
☑ Provost Liaison: Harper, Christine	🛛 Design: O'Bryan, Mark			
▼ Trustee: Ballard, Hubie	☑ Education: Bennett, Stephanie	∠ Libraries: Laub, Amy		
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☐ Agriculture, Food & Environment: Rentfrow, Gregg	☐ Engineering: Anderson, Kimberly			
Agriculture, Food & Environment: Teets, Nicholas	☑ Engineering: Tagavi, Kaveh	Medicine: Thibault, Olivier		
Arts & Sciences: Bosch, Anna		► Nursing: Biddle, Martha		
🛮 Arts & Sciences: Stein, Melissa		■ Nursing: Falls, Candice		
■ Business & Economics: Hapke, Holly	☑ Graduate School: Butler, John "J.S."	Pharmacy: Adams, Val		
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☐ Communication & Information: Jeong, Hyun Ju		□ Public Health: Haynes, Erin		
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□ Dentistry: Dominguez Fernandez, Enif	☑ Law: Michael, Douglas	☐ Social Work: Jones, Aubrey		
☑ Dentistry: Wiemann, Alfred	□ Law: Murray, Michael	Social Work: Ratliff, Stephanie		
Standing Guests and Visitors				
□ DiPaola, Bob				
	☑ Visitor: Frisby, Brandi	☑ Visitor: Voogt, Ryan		
☑ Visitor: Jasinski, Jana	☑ Visitor: Cramer, Jennifer	☑ Visitor: Hardwick, Katie		
☑ Visitor: Wheeler. Kate		☐ Visitor:		

Agenda Item	Presenter/Facilitator
Opening Remarks Updates Announcements	C. Crawford
Provost Area Updates	B. DiPaola/C. Harper
Remarks from Previous Staff Senate Chair	M. Adams
AR 2-11	L. Tannock
UK Core Updates	B. Frisby/R. Voogt
Trustee Election Update	C. Harper
SCC Membership	C. Crawford
Nominations for Presidential Council	C. Crawford
SOP: Removal of Senator	E. Bergeron
Call for Agenda Items	C. Crawford
Next Meeting	
March 24, 2025 3:00-5:00 p.m. GSC Senate Chamber	



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Agenda Item: Opening Remarks Updates	Presenter: C. Crawford
Announcements	
C. Crawford called the meeting to order at 3:00p.m.	
 C. Harmon went through roll call. 	
 February 24, 2025 minutes were approved. 	
 C. Crawford gave opening remarks. 	
	In G. Renfrow's absence, C. Crawford asked J.S. Butler to serve
as parliamentarian for today's meeting.	
Agenda Item: Provost Area Updates	Presenter: B. DiPaola
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B. DiPaola addressed the FS.	
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Agenda Item: Remarks from Previous Staff Senate Chair	Presenter: M. Adams
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M. Adams gave remarks on Staff Senate and shared;	governance.
Agenda Item: Interim AR 2-11	Presenter: L. Tannock
L. Tannock presented programs and initiatives out of	the Office of Faculty Advancement.
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o The FS must nominate five Faculty Senators and five faculty from the University to serve on the President's

The FS approved moving forward with self-nominations from FS.



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The FS approved a process to break a tie.				
Agenda Item: SOP: Removal of Senator	Presenter: E. Bergeron			
This agenda item has been deferred to the next scheduled FS meeting.				
Agenda Item: Call for Agenda Items	Presenter: C. Crawford			
None were added.				
From the Floor: AR Review Concerns	Presenter: B. Alley			
 B. Alley presented a letter that was sent to FS via email regarding concerns over a transparent and inclusive feedback process for AR revisions. The FS discussed concerns over the AR revision feedback process. The FS approved to solicit AR revision feedback from the faculty in their colleges to share with the FS. 				
Other Information				
Adjournment				
Meeting adjourned at 5:23p.m.				
Next Meeting				

Monday, March 24, 2025 3:00-5:00p.m., Gatton Student Center | Senate Chamber

Office for Faculty Advancement

OFFICE OF FACULTY ADVANCEMENT

Sabbatical Showcase

- Purpose
 - To provide a forum for recognition and appreciation of work completed by faculty on their recent sabbatical leave
 - Being awarded a sabbatical is one of the highest forms of recognition for faculty
- · Held inaugural event on October 30, 2024
- · 21 faculty presented
 - 29% of faculty on sabbatical in FY24

Wednesday Nov 5th, 4-6pm 2025



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Overview of OFA

- Faculty (and staff) development programs
- · Leadership development programs
- Faculty and staff coaching
- Faculty hiring process
- Appointments, Promotion and/or Tenure reviews
- · Faculty retentions/ equity adjustment reviews
- Faculty compensation
- · Exit interviews
- Wethington awards
- Administrative appointments
- · Sabbatical and other leave reviews
- · Faculty TDL/ FML approval
- · Retirements/ phased retirements Form F (overload) reviews

- Appeals (performance evaluations, DOE assignments, appointments)
- Nepotism reviews
- Individual consultations and support (personnel matters)
- Unit rules and statements of evidence reviews
- · TCFs
- · Faculty database systems

OFFICE OF FACULTY ADVANCEMENT

Emerging Leaders Academy

- Purpose
 - · To encourage mid-career faculty and professional staff to consider leadership career paths and to guide them in developing the essential skills for effective institutional leadership
- Held September 2024 through April 2025
 - Initial meeting occurred on 9/17/24
- Number Enrolled
 - · 15 faculty, 2 staff

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Faculty development programs

- · Emerging Leaders Academy*
- WELD*
- Sabbatical Showcase
- · New faculty orientation (Aug and Jan)
- · Conflict of Interest overview/ trainings
- · Promotion and tenure workshops Conflict Management workshop*^
- · SEC travel program

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Promotion and Tenure Workshop Series

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- To help support faculty promotion preparation and success
- Includes workshops for faculty, and are appropriate for faculty at any career stage the earlier you understand the promotion process the less intimidating it may be
- Workshop Areas
 - The Role of Leadership and Administration
 College APT and Provost Area Committees

 - Faculty Promotion: Strategies for Success · Ten workshops (each done twice) in CY24
- Number attended

 - In CY24 119
 Currently underway in CY25

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Leadership Development Events

- · Chairs Academy I and II
- · Monthly chairs town halls
- · New department chairs orientation
- · New deans orientation and onboarding
- SEC ALDP program
- · CPE Leadership Academy

OFA Activities

- · Individual consultations
- Faculty appeals
 - · Performance evaluations
 - DOE assignments
 - Appointment changes
 - · miscellaneous

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OFFICE OF FACULTY ADVANCEMENT

Monthly Department Chair Town Halls

- Purpose
- An opportunity for department chairs and other college-level administrators to build a network of peers, get answers to questions or challenges, and revisit those topics that may have been covered in other OFA programs; these meetings are a way to continue ongoing leadership development and peer support
- Held August 2024 through May 2025
 - Noon to 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month
- Average attendance
 - Ranges from 15-40

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Faculty Hiring and Appointments Process

- · Review of proposed appointment type, title series, DOE, compensation
- · Ensuring clarity in offer letters
- · Workflow addresses:
 - · Funding approvals
 - Search authorizations

 - · Appointment documentation verifying SACSCOC requirements

Faculty Recruitment and Retention

- Compensation
 Initial salary
 Retention requests

 - Equity adjustments
- Wethington awards
- DOE processes
- · Form F internal and external overloads

OFA and CELT Activities

- CELT
- Teaching awards
- · SEC Professor of the Year
- · Coordination with other offices for faculty nominations and

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Other Faculty Processes

- · Administrative role searches and appointments
- · Sabbatical and other leave reviews
- · Nepotism topics
- · Retirements/ phased retirements
- Exit Interviews

Promotion and/or Tenure Processes

- · Reviews of all unit Rules and Statements of Evidence
- · Workshops to demystify the promotion and tenure process
- · Oversight of processes
- · Coordination of appeals

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Faculty FML and Support

- · Implemented a new electronic workflow to protect personal health information
- · Coordination with OEO and ADA offices as needed

Dossier Review Process

- · External review: 6 arm's length letters
- · Department faculty review: number set by required faculty in unit
- · Department chair review
- · College P&T committee review
- Dean review

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Interim AR2:11 - background

- We receive about 180-200 promotion and/or tenure dossiers per year, the vast majority are unanimously supported at all prior levels of review
- Original AR2:11 required dossiers* be sent to one of 7 Academic Area **Advisory Committees**

 - Biological Sciences
 Extension Title Series
 - · Health Care Clinical Sciences
 - · Humanities and Arts
 - · Librarian Series
 - · Physical and Engineering Sciences
 - Social Sciences

Interim AR2.11 - Updates

- A single Provost Appointment, Promotion and Tenure Advisory Committee will be formed
- · Must comprise 10 members, appointed by the President from a list provided by the Faculty Senate
 - · Full professors
 - · Service is staggered 3-year terms
 - · Chair is designated by the President
 - · One per College (membership to be rotated among colleges so that over a period of years all colleges are represented)

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Interim AR2:11 - background

- · Academic Area Committees were tasked to review all appointments at senior academic ranks, promotions, or the granting of tenure
- · As outlined in AR2.1.1 "In those cases that have not received nearunanimous support from all lower-level reviewers (external letter writers, unit faculty and educational unit administrator, college advisory committee and dean) the Provost shall require a written evaluation from the academic area advisory committee.'
- The Academic Area committees could also elect to submit a written evaluation on any case assigned

Interim AR2.11 - Updates

- · The Provost will consult the Committee for:
 - Any cases with borderline support (cases that have not received unanimous or near-unanimous support from all lower level reviewers)
 - · Any cases with unanimous or near-unanimous endorsement against promotion and/or tenure

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Interim AR2:11 - background

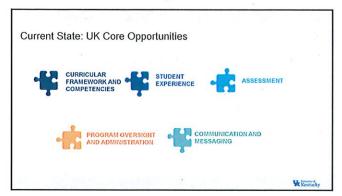
· "Considerable deference in tenure cases shall be shown by the Provost to the judgments emanating from the college, especially in cases where the Provost has determined that those collegelevel judgments (unit faculty, educational unit administrator, college advisory committee and dean) are nearly unanimous, either for or against the granting of tenure." AR2.1.1

Interim AR2.11 - next steps

- · Option A: Senate to provide at least 20 nominees to form this new committee
- · Option B: Senate to endorse using members of the former Academic Area Advisory Committees
- · Option C: combination of options A and B

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Working in a campus-wide initiative through the institution's shared governance structure, the university will assess, evaluate and revise the institution's general education curriculum - the UK Core - with a focus on ensuring students are provided with the skills to succeed in a fast-changing and sophisticated workplace that will require technical competency but also the capacity to engage in critical thinking and constructive dialogue as our graduates must lead companies and communities in the process of forging solutions rather than divisions.



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COMPOSITION OF UK CORE TASK FORCE Associate Provost for Academic Affairs (Brandi, Chair)
Dean representatives (Ana Franco-Watkins*, Mark Shanda, Christian Brady)
Student tepresentative (From SGA (Ben Williams)
Student Success prepresentative (Ana Franco Yought*)
Staff representative (Mike Shanks*)
Faculty Members
• Corrine Williams (CPH)
• Mike Pennel (ASS)
• Mancy Jones (FA)
• Ranny Jones (FA)
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• Representative from university communication/marketing (Amanda Harris)
Director of Assessment (Marela Obade)
UK Überaries (Lisa Nichols) IRADS (Chris Thuringer) Admissions (Jenn Dietzel) *Served on previous Workgroup, provide continuity

BACKGROUND

AYs 08-10 - UK Core Framework was Approved and Implemented

AY 23-24 - Workgroup 2 on More Readiness, First holistic and systematic re-examination of Core since implementation

June 2024 - Recommendations to the BOT

AY 24-25 – UK Core Task Force Developed to explore the recommendations, meeting biweekly and working between meetings $\,$

TASK FORCE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

2. Freedom to imagine what is possible

4. Both explore benchmarks AND be true to our mission

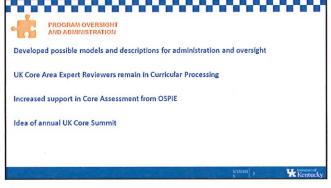
3. Maintaining strong faculty expertise and input

1. Student Focus - what is best for the student? How can we holistically support their development? What do all students need, regardless of discipline?

5. Ensure a high quality and consistent Core experience

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CURRICULAR
FRAMEWORK AND
COMPETENCIES

Current Core: 30 credit hours, 10 areas, and 90+ student learning outcomes in the current Core Framework.

• Potential new competencies: Technical literacy, Human Skills

• Committee has made recommendation to reduce to ~30 SLOs

• Reducing, clarifying, and updating student learning outcomes – this will drive curricular development/revision and assessment of Core

• New competencies can also be represented in the SLOs to help students achieve essential skills and relate more closely to workforce preparation (e.g., critical thinking, teamwork, civic engagement)

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Core SLOs now included in syllabus guidance

Students are integrated into Task Force and planned Oversight Committee

Integrating with high impact practices (e.g., service learning, TEK)

Emphasis on practical skills in revised SLOs, mapping to skills

Web redesign with student audience focus

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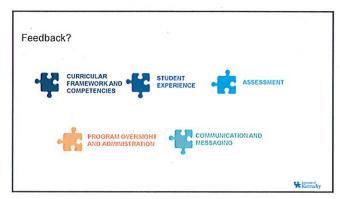
ASSESSMENT

1. Aligning rubrics with streamlined SLOs
2. Faculty engagement with Core assessment
3. Faculty support for designing/developing assessment
4. Increasing reliability and validity of assessment results
5. Closing the loop with results

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Colleagues,

I want to take a few moments to talk about the upcoming revisions to our university's ARs and the role that the Faculty Senate can play in ensuring a transparent and inclusive feedback process.

As we know, these regulations affect all aspects of our university. Soon, the newly revised ARs will be released and available for faculty review, with a one-week open comment period. Given the scope of these changes, I believe it is in everyone's best interest—faculty and administration alike—to create a process that fosters transparency and trust. If we do this well, we can reduce much of the anxiety that faculty are currently feeling and help ensure broad faculty acceptance of the new regulations.

I want to highlight two areas of concern and propose steps we can take as a Senate to support an open and constructive process.

1. Transparency in the Comment Process

The first concern is that faculty do not have a clear sense of what will happen to their comments once submitted to the University Administration's Qualtrics feedback form. There is uncertainty about who reviews them, how they are considered, and whether they influence the final regulations.

To help address this, I propose that, in addition to encouraging faculty to submit comments through the Qualtrics form, we also invite them to share their comments with faculty senators directly. By compiling a summary of faculty concerns in a public-facing document, we as the Faculty Senate can ensure that there is a clear record of faculty input. If data from the Qualtrics feedback form could be made available to us, I think including that in our report would also be beneficial.

A process like this would not only help the Faculty Senate advocate for faculty concerns but also give the administration an opportunity to demonstrate that faculty input is being taken seriously.

As a note, my fellow College of Fine Arts senator and I have a simple email drafted that we plan to share with our faculty soliciting the feedback. I know each college has its own method of communicating, so if having this example is helpful, I would be happy to share that to the Faculty Senate email group.

2. Adequacy of the Comment Period

The second concern is the extremely short timeframe for faculty feedback. I understand the one-week timeframe to be non-negotiable. Given this, it is critical that the Faculty Senate be prepared to act quickly.

If one of our regularly scheduled Senate meetings does not fall within the latter portion of the comment period, I propose that we call a special meeting. This would allow us to discuss faculty concerns on record and ensure that any significant issues are identified and communicated while there is still time to do so. Given that we do not know when the ARs will be released, we will have

to be prepared to organize quickly to compile and discuss, as a senate body, the faculty feedback we receive.

Moving Forward

The goal of these proposals is not to create conflict but to foster trust and transparency. Faculty deserve to feel confident that their voices are heard in this process, and administration deserves to have the benefit of faculty input in shaping policies that will impact our university. By working together to create an open and well-documented process, we can help reduce uncertainty and suspicion while ensuring a smoother path forward for everyone.

I welcome any thoughts or discussion on these proposals.

Thank you.

Becky Alley, College of Fine Arts