Kentucky State University Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes September 17, 2021

Submitted by Senate Secretary Danny Collum

1. Call to Order

President Clay reported that, in his meetings with student representatives, they have asked for faculty to be more conscientious in keeping Blackboard up to date in our courses.

The Faculty Regent election was successfully concluded. There will be a university holiday October 11. Midterm grades will be due October 13. Day is October 15. Midterms are Oct 2- 8 and Homecoming is Oct 8-10. Last day to drop course with

a is Oct 22. **NO**

is an education initiative. Allison Young, professor of family and consumer sciences, has a CDC grant to do vaccine education, along with the Franklin County Health Department. Keith Wicker in biology is also participating in this. In October there will be a vaccination clinic at Streetfest October 8. All three Covid 19 vaccines will be offered, and boosters if those have been approved by then.

The September 15 blood drive was very successful. There will be another in the spring. Nurse Todd noted that the Faculty Senate should consider offering some kind of community service credit to students for participation in blood drives.

Current CDC protocol says that if you have symptoms and get a rapid test, even if the rapid test is negative, you must go ahead with a PCR test that goes to the lab. Results for these are currently taking 48-72 hours. The person must quarantine while awaiting PCR results.

Email Nurse Todd with any questions about any of these matters. Also, she reminded us that class excuses are privileged information protest by FERPA and HIPA, the privacy laws for educational and medical records respectively.

A senator asked about the very low vaccination rate among students, and Nurse Todd replied that this is partly a problem with reporting. There are probably students who were vaccinated before they came to school who submitted a record of that to Student Health. As and meet with the provost about it. Provost Hamilton has agreed to come to one of their meetings.

At this point, Senator Griffis was recognized, and he pointed out that the Senate was not following the agenda that had been approved earlier, which had consideration of a resolution on the dismissal of Regent Chandee Felder coming after administrative updates. President Clay called for the Curriculum Committee report.

b. Curriculum Committee report [5 minute time limit]

Senator Wang reported that the Curriculum Committee needs a new member. He also brought forward an action item from the School of Behavioral and Social Sciences. The item would remove psychology from the Masters in Interdisciplinary Behavioral Sciences degree program. This is necessary for accreditation purposes. The item was approved without opposition.

Senator Wang also reported that the committee discussed again the problem of getting action from the registrar on past approved action items. They hope to get Provost Hamilton to one of their meetings to hear about that problem. Also at the last meeting Dr. Graves brought a document on program approval to be considered at the next meeting.

c. Professional Concerns Committee report [5 minute time limit] Senator Stratton reported that the PCC is looking at last unfinished business and gathering the new concerns of faculty. Send yourmoncEfhOtO G295S193E69Q84

d. **Budget and Academic Support Committee report [5 minute time limit}** Senator Ballard-Kang reported that Senator McCutchen stated that the issue is not just a matter of the

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