

Kentucky State University

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2021

Submitted by Danny Collum, Senate Secretary

Call to Order

Meeting called to order with a quorum at 9:01 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the November 12, 2021 Senate meeting approved unanimously.

Health and Safety Report Nurse Samantha Todd

The OSHA COVID 19 vaccination or testing mandate deadline has been extended to January 19, 2022 pending court consideration of the mandate.

New CDC guidelines call for vaccinated people who have been exposed to COVID to be tested five to seven days after exposure.

Regarding the Omicron variant, we don't know what we don't know. Assumption is that it will be more transmissible. So far it seems to produce milder cases, but we don't know. Travel guidelines for upcoming holidays are changing daily, so be aware of this and check.

In the 2021 fall semester, KSU had 74 student cases of COVID 19. This is compared to 115 cases in fall 2020. Among employees, there were 21 in fall 2021, compared to 19 in fall 2020.

Continue to wear masks and be vaccinated and boosted if you aren't yet.

Faculty Senate President Report

The president reminded us of the Faculty Senate purpose stated in our constitution and of the email and phone number for COVID 19 information: covid19@kysu.edu and 855-598-2246.

In the Senate president's meeting with the provost, they discussed student course evaluations, which are now open, preregistration for Spring 2022 and the Academic Affairs strategic plan.

The Senate Executive Committee worked on getting all Senate business onto Microsoft Teams and discussed possible repercussions of the Omicron variant for faculty work.

Schedule reminders: Classes end today, finals end December 10, grades are due December 13. Spring classes start January 15, 2022 and resume after the January 17 Martin Luther King holiday.

Update from Acting President Clara Ross Stamps

The acting president began by expressing appreciation for the work of faculty. She noted that the assessment of KSU operations that had been ordered by the governor was delivered November 5, and the Board of Regents has begun responding to it. On December 2, the board approved a freeze on new personnel and equipment. KSU has also entered an agreement with The Registry. That organization will provide an interim KSU Chief Financial Officer when Greg Rush returns to CPE at the first of the new year.

Responding to student concerns about housing, she noted that housing wasn't prepared at the start of the fall semester. She also noted that many students still have account balances. She reported that the KSU Foundation is helping over 100 students close their financial gap. The Green and Gold Commission is updating COVID 19 guidelines for spring 2022. Also, KSU recently hosted a U.S. Department of Agriculture representative and the Kentucky state agriculture commissioner.

January encampment will be two days, January 10-11. Also, events for state legisl0 1 7n0.000009100009100009

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the faculty voice is heard in setting budget priorities. We're especially concerned about the priority of instructional spending, faculty salaries and dealing with the historic underfunding of HBCUs, including Kentucky State.

The BASC report on allocation of course fees has gone to Ms. Jones in finance. Senator Kashan is collecting information on facilities issues at Carver Hall.

Other Business

At this point a senator raised the need for a coherent single location for all university documents that will allow users to see where policies have changed and why.

Regent Walston stated that he would have Lisa Lang, university counsel, report on this.

Adjournment

The Senate adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Attendance

Senators

Phillip H Clay	Jennifer Ballard-Kang
Kristopher R Grimes	Nancy Capriles
Bobby Walter	Barbara Witty
Rozina Johnson	Patti Marraccini
Jens Hannemann	Fariba Kashan
Gary Stratton	Keith McCutchen
Bruce Griffis	Rene Desborde
Daniel D Collum	Changzheng Wang
Buddhi Gyawali	Shawn Lucas
James Obielodan	Mary Barr

Absent: Fariba Bigdeli-Jahed, Gavin Washington, Noel Novelo, Alexander Lai

Guests

Clara Ross Stamps	Lisa Lang
Samantha Todd	Stashia L. Emanuel
Tierra Taylor	Deanna McGaughey-Summers

LeChrista Finn

Danielle

Margery Coulson-Clark

Kirk Pomper

Keturah Nix

Debra Tate

Sharon McGee

Dantrea Hampton

Berkley N. King, Jr.

Ban

David Shabazz

Frederick A. Williams Jr.

Yun Jiang

Maia Langley

Leroy Hamilton, Jr.

Daryl Love

Mara Merlino

Sheila Stuckey

Herman Walston

Charles Holloway

Fred Bebe

Joy Cole

TaKeia Anthony