NEW CHANCELLOR

Chancellor Douglas Girod opened the first University Senate meeting of the year, by speaking about some of the items he would like to focus on in the following year:

- **Student experience:** This includes everything that happens from the time a student applies to when they walk down the hill. What can we do to make this the best experience for our students?
- **Outreach:** Showing citizens of Kansas how important the University of Kansas is to the success of the state.
- **AAU Membership:** KU is one of 34 public institutions that are part of the Association of American of Universities (AAU) and we want to continue to be.

University Senate looks forward to working with the Chancellor as he approaches these important topics.
THE YEAR AHEAD: SOME (MORE) ISSUES TO WATCH

In addition to their standing (i.e., recurring) charges, this year’s Senate committees have been charged with some of the following tasks:

- **Academic Computing and Electronic Communications (ACEC)** has been charged with continuing to monitor Office 365, Skype for Business including Voice-Over IP (Skype for Business phone service), etc.–and obtain or produce a cost-benefit analysis of each. As well as to work with KU IT on ways to integrate third-party software (e.g., Dropbox, Google Docs) into its collaboration tool portfolio.

- **Planning and Resources (P&R)** has been charged with continuing to monitor and examine the partnerships between KU and outside contractors and consultants.

- **Faculty Rights, Privileges and Responsibilities (FRPR)** has been charged with making recommendations to Faculty Senate regarding administration and implementation of the core curriculum, including draft language delineating faculty control of the curriculum and amendments to the FSRRs that articulates how faculty can change the Core curriculum (e.g., with regard to goals).

University Senate has agreed to have the **Ad-Hoc Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** continue as an Ad-Hoc Committee. The Committee will work on completing the remaining charges from last year and expand its charge to include diversity, equity, and inclusion related to faculty hiring, faculty mentorship university administration and staff hiring and mentorship. The final report from 2016-2017 and the 2017-2018 charges have been posted on the governance website: [https://governance.ku.edu/DEI2017Govern](https://governance.ku.edu/DEI2017Govern)

The University Senate Executive Committee (SenEx) received the final report from the **Ad-Hoc Committee on Gender Equity**. The report has received quite a bit of publicity from the UDK. For the full report please see: [http://governance.ku.edu/sites/governance.ku.edu/files/files/GenderEquityReportFinal.pdf](http://governance.ku.edu/sites/governance.ku.edu/files/files/GenderEquityReportFinal.pdf)

SenEx has forwarded a resolution to both the Chancellor and Provost regarding Accommodation of Members of the University Community with Disabilities is a University Obligation. SenEx also forwarded a resolution supporting the chancellor’s statements on DACA. For the full text on both resolutions please see: [https://governance.ku.edu/governance-resolutions](https://governance.ku.edu/governance-resolutions)

Both University and Faculty Senate are looking at restructuring Governance Committees. This includes reviewing standing charges and membership.
QUALTRICS

We are excited to announce the availability of Qualtrics, an enterprise survey tool that is available for use by faculty, staff, and students at the University. This service was successfully launched through a partnership between the Business Intelligence Center and Information Technology.

For more information about the benefits and how to use Qualtrics, please visit: https://governance.ku.edu/qualtrics

GOVERNANCE MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Hyunjin Seo, a member of the Faculty Senate, will co-chair an event on combatting misinformation and fake news on social media on Thursday, November 9th.

Faculty Senate member Eugene T. Parker III was featured as an Expert in WalletHub’s 2018 Best Colleges Ranking answering questions about considering college as an investment.

The Lawrence Journal World reported on Faculty Senate President-elect Kirk McClure’s testimony to the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance about the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit.

UPDATES FROM THE FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENT SENATES:

Faculty Senate President Amalia Monroe-Gulick receives requests for Faculty (including unclassified academic staff) representation on committees throughout the year. If you’re interested in serving on a committee please contact Amalia, almonroe@ku.edu. All volunteers are contacted before being appointed to a committee.

The PRO Office is available to answer questions about PRO via email or phone, arrange one-on-one training/refresher sessions with individual faculty, and schedule meetings for using PRO for promotion and tenure and/or annual review purposes. For more information, Contact Emily Lowrance-Floyd (lwrance@ku.edu, 864-8259) or go to http://pro.ku.edu

Staff Senate is accepting applications through November 10th for the Jeannette Johnson Staff Professional Development Fund. More information at http://staffsenate.ku.edu/professional-development-funds-0

Staff Senate is also working on a virtual handbook for staff, as well as exploring future options for tuition assistance for dependents.

The University of Kansas Student Senate will now cover the costs to replace KU Student ID cards for LGBTQIA+ students who have changed their gender expression. If you are interested in the fee waiver, email sgd@ku.edu for the waiver form.

For meeting dates for University Senate, SenEx, University Faculty Senate, FacEx, please see http://governance.ku.edu/fy2018-governance-meetings-0

For meeting dates for Staff Senate, please see: https://staffsenate.ku.edu/fy2018-staff-senate-executive-meeting-dates

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