



UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE NEWSLETTER FY2019 VOL. II

Please find the latest installment of the University Governance newsletter. We are pleased to announce the results from the recent elections for the Staff and Faculty Senates, which are listed below. The FY2020 University and Faculty Senate President Elects along with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FacEx) will be elected at the University / Faculty Senate meeting on April 25, 2019. The Staff Senate Executive Committee consists of Staff Senate members by virtue of various positions held by within the Staff Senate.

Be on the lookout for emails from the Staff and Faculty Senates about opportunities to serve on the various committees of the Senates. The Staff and Faculty Executive Committees rely on the preference forms each spring when making committee appointments. Becoming involved in a committee gives you the chance to see how the university functions, as well as meet colleagues from other areas. For more information regarding the various committees of the University, Faculty and Staff Senates please see the following links:

[University Senate Committees](#)

[Faculty Senate Committees](#)

[Staff Senate Committees](#)

Currently the University Senate and Faculty Senate have several amendments pending. For an update on what the University Senate and Faculty Senate have been reviewing, please see Pending Amendments FY2019: <https://governance.ku.edu/pendingfy2019>

Respectfully,
Kathy Reed and Ellen Slikker, University Governance



UNIVERSITY SENATE

On December 6, 2018, the University Senate held an Open Forum to discuss the university budget cuts and hear the concerns of faculty, staff and students. Over 200 people attended, either in person or via a Zoom broadcast. After the Forum, a complete list of the comments and questions were compiled and sent to Chancellor Girod and Interim Provost Lejuez. Video of the meeting and the questions that were submitted can be found on the Governance [website](#).

Interim Provost Lejuez will be attending the April 11, 2019, University Senate Meeting.

Final reports from the University Senate Committees are starting to be submitted. To view the reports, please see our [University Senate Committees](#) page.

FACULTY SENATE

The impending budget cuts have consumed most of the attention of the Faculty Senate at recent meetings. In August, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FacEx) made four requests to the administration to mitigate the harm of the 6 percent budget cuts being imposed on the faculty and staff.

First, FacEx stated that Kansas Athletics Inc. (KAI) should stop taking funds from the University and should make annual contributions back to the University. The Chancellor agreed that he would wean KAI off KU funds within 18 to 24 months, but he made no commitment on KAI making contributions to KU.

Second, FacEx called for the Kansas University Endowment Association to increase its annual contributions to KU or show reasons why this cannot be done. No progress has been made on this request.

Third, FacEx called for reconfiguration of the KU aircraft. The Chancellor agreed to transfer the KU aircraft to a private entity that would operate on its own revenues, saving KU the operating costs of the aircraft and forcing KAI to pay for its use of the aircraft, rather than KU.

Fourth, FacEx called for the Chancellor's office budget and the Provost's office budget to absorb a cut greater than the 6 percent cut being absorbed by the faculty and staff of KU. The Chancellor and the Provost agreed.

The Faculty Senate continues to pursue several initiatives in addition to mitigating the harm of the budget cuts. A working group has continued to meeting with General Counsel regarding the proposed amendments approved by Faculty Senate last spring ([FSRR VI](#)), as a result of these meetings, two amendments have been reviewed by the Faculty senate, both expand the jurisdiction of the Faculty Rights board to hear any violation of the a faculty right. Amendments to the USRR regarding faculty review of gifts to KU that may infringe upon academic freedom, and placing the faculty in control of all curricular matters.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Teaching Evaluation has submitted their final report. It can be viewed here <https://governance.ku.edu/faculty-senate-ad-hoc-committee-student-surveys-teacing>.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO FACULTY SENATE

The following faculty members were elected to serve on the University/Faculty Senate:

Josh Arpin	Lecturer	Business
Chris Crandall	Professor	Psychology
Andrew Denning	Assistant Professor	History
Fran Devlin	Librarian	Libraries
Dan Dixon	Associate Professor	Molecular Biosciences
Randall Fuller	Distinguished Professor	English
Jeffrey Hall	Associate Professor	Communication Studies
John Hoopes	Professor	Anthropology
Allard Jongman	Professor	Linguistics
Rémy Lequesne	Associate Professor	Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering
Bozenna Pasik-Duncan	Professor	Mathematics
Rodolfo Torres	Distinguished Professor	Mathematics
Charlotte Tritch	Lecturer	Business
Xinmai Yang	Associate Professor	Mechanical Engineering

STAFF SENATE

The Staff Senate provides representation for over 3200 staff on campus. In addition to monthly meetings and conversations around budgets, we are focusing our attention on activities to improve employee engagement and staff morale across campus. Some of these activities include developing mentoring and professional development opportunities, continuing diversity & inclusion education, and continuing to advocate for tuition benefits for dependents and spouses, as well as improve existing tuition benefits for staff.

The Staff Senate continues to accept applications for the Staff Professional Development Fund. Starting this year, the applications are open on a rolling basis throughout the year, with applications being reviewed around the 20th of each month. The funding will be divided throughout the year, with a few awards made each month. More information can be found at: <http://staffsenate.ku.edu/professional-development>.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO THE STAFF SENATE

Abby Ehling, Program Coordinator, Graduate Studies was elected as President-Elect, she will serve as President in FY2021. The following staff members were elected to serve on the Staff Senate:

Justin Johnson	Academic	Physics and Astronomy
Tiffany Learned	Academic	International Student Services
Leslie Wilson	Administrative	Undergraduate Advising Center
Jessica Chilcoat	Administrative/Management	Strong Hall SSC
Michelle Ginavan-Hayes	Administrative/Management	Eaton Hall SSC
Jeff Severin	Administrative/Management	Center for Sustainability
Tim Spencer	Administrative/Management	Eaton Hall SSC
Matthew Deakyne	Information Technology	Information Technology
Rick Evanhoe	Information Technology	Information Technology
Lisa Hallberg	Information Technology	Life Span Institute
Jessica Brown	Operations	Facility Services
Jeremy Chance	Operations	Recreation Services
Steve Conway	Operations	Facility Services
Chris Wallace	Operations	Public Safety
Kevin Liu	Research	Achievement & Assessment Inst
Azure Pellegrino	Research	Applied Behavioral Science
	Research	
	Research	
Megan Belaire	Student Services	College Office of Grad Affairs
Michelle Wilson	Student Services	TRIO SES & STEM
Angela Andres	Support	Libraries
Mary Dykmann	Support	Business Development
Brian Moss	Support	Libraries

STUDENT SENATE

Student Senate's Campus Fee Review Subcommittee has come out with recommendations for student fees in FY20. These include a reallocation of the \$7 athletics fee to increased resources for CAPS, SAPEC, and student engagement. Overall, the fee is set to be raised \$10, which is roughly on pace with inflation.

Student Senate elections begin on April 10th and end at 4:00 p.m. on April 11th.

MEETINGS AND MINUTES

For the dates and minutes of University Senate, SenEx, University Faculty Senate, and FacEx meetings please see <http://governance.ku.edu/fy2019-meetingsminutes>

For meeting dates of the Staff Senate, please see: <https://staffsenate.ku.edu/fy2019-staff-senate-full-meetings>

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