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Dear Members of the University Community:

This summer I will co-chair a committee with David Naylor of the KU Medical Center to develop a university-wide procedure for handling social media issues, in light of the policy passed in May by the Kansas Board of Regents. This committee will have representatives from faculty, staff, and students from both the Lawrence campus and KUMC, as well as a representative from the Provost's office. Our goal is to have a process in place quickly, one that could be ratified by the full University Senate in the Fall, after a full discussion of relevant issues.

This is an issue on which university governance and the administration are working together in order to ensure respect for due process and academic freedom. The Regents' social media policy itself affirms a commitment to these core values, but we are currently at a disadvantage without having any procedure in place to address the concerns of the university community.

I know this is an issue of continued concern for all of us, and I will do my best to address any questions that might arise in the course of this process. The members of the committee are listed below.

Jonathan Mayhew
Professor of Spanish
President of KU University Senate

Lawrence campus

Jonathan Mayhew, president, University Senate and professor, Spanish and Portuguese, committee co-chair
Marta Caminero-Santangelo, acting vice provost for faculty development
Chuck Epp, professor, public affairs and administration
Nancy Kinnersley, associate professor, electrical engineering and computer science
Easan Selvan, unclassified professional staff representative, chief of staff and director of strategic communication, office of the CIO
Cindy Sexton, university support staff representative, administrative associate, psychology
Steven Sylvester, graduate student representative, political science

Medical Center

David Naylor, assistant professor, internal medicine and outgoing chair, Faculty Assembly, committee co-chair
Robert Klein, vice chancellor for academic affairs
Mark Fisher, professor, biochemistry and molecular biology
Edward Nelson, unclassified professional staff representative, School of Nursing
Captain Kurt Reinhardt, university support staff representative, Public Safety
Zach Krumsick, medical student
Additional member to be appointed