

Staff Senate Attendance Sheet

Meeting Specifics						
		Frequ	Frequency		Senate Chair	
Regularly Scheduled 2 ^{nc}		2 nd Th	nd Thursday of every month		Courtney Chafin	
Date October 10, 2024 Tin		Time			Location	
		1:00 p	.m.		Zoom	
			Committee			
⊠ Chair:	⊠ Vice-Chair:		⊠ Secretary:			□ Parliamentarian:
Courtney Chafin -	Marie Marefat		Ginni Haynes	Carl Har	per	Chris Larmour
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Bobbi Jo Allen						
	☐ Mike Adams			⊠ Tama	ra Anding	⊠ Elizabeth Andrade
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☐ Whitney Arvin	⊠ Tiara Ball		⊠ Mandi Banahan	⊠ Melis	sa Barger	⊠ Kelley Beverly
☐ Amanda Biddle	☐ Shelley Bishop		☐ John Blaine	⊠ Kenn	eth Blair	⊠ Karena Blaurock
⊠ Elliot Bloomer	☐Sabrina Brewer	•	⊠ Jennifer Bridge	⊠ Leanr	na Brignola	⊠ Cynthia Brown
☐ Amber Bruce	□ Doug Burgess		⊠ Olwen Burton	⊠ Chris	Carney	⊠ Eric Carroll
□ Destiny Carter	⊠ Melissa Claar		□ Christy Coffman	☐ Anna	Cox	
□ Dale Davis	☐ Kevin Duncan		☐ Rebecca Earls	⊠ Olivia		⊠ Ryan Farley
□ David		⊠Jonnisa Ferguson	⊠Sarah	Fitzgerald	⊠ Kevin Fleming	
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☑ Perry Gibson			☐ Beth Goins	⊠Aaron		☐ Kaleb Grey
□ Joseph Hacker			 ☑ Andrew Hainley 		es Haley	 □ Kaleb Grey □ Laura Hall
☐ James Hamblin	⊠ Charla Hamilton				rine Hayden	☐ Joshua Henry
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	⊠ Brittany Lawre	nce	☐Kristen Lawson	⊠ Sheer	na Lee	☐ Harrison Levans
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⊠Stephanie Peeples	☐ Aaron Peffer		⊠ Monica Perez	☐ Kriste	en Pickett	⊠ Tessa Pinkerton
⊠ Brooke Poe			⊠ Cory Qualls	⊠ Covet	tta Ramey	⊠ Tiffany Randolph
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⊠ Ritchelle Ruiz	⊠Stefan Schagane		⊠ Sydney Shields	⊠Carol	Simpson	⊠ Scott Sorrell

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	⊠ Hardin Stevens	⊠ Andrea Strassburg	x Justin Sumner	x Mindy Thompson
⊠ Erin Tigges	⊠Madeline Trudeau	□ LaTanya Walker		⊠Keisha Wells
☐ Hailey White	☐ Johnna Wilford	⊠Alice Williams	⊠ Stephen Williams	⊠ Kendria Willis
⊠ Elijah Wilson	☐ Laurel Wood	⊠ Sandy Wooton Gay	x Misty Wright	X Markeda Yarbrough
Stephanie				
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	Ex Offic	ios, Visitors and Standi	ng Guests	
☐ President Eli	⋈ EVPFA Eric Monday	□ Trustee Dave	☐ Provost Robert	☐ Melissa Frederick,
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□ Catie Lasley,	☐ SGA President:	☐ Faculty Senate	☐ Azetta Beatty –	⊠ Brenda Heeter –
UKHR		Chair:	WorkLife/Employee Benefits	President's Office
⊠ Jody Ensman –	☐ Jonathan Ashurst –	⊠ Katie Hardwick –	☐ Emily Currtsinger -	□ Penny Cox -
HR Manager/ WellBeing	ITS Network & Infrastructure	President's Office	UKHR	Treasurer
☐ Tammy Akin –	☐ Melissa Frederick –		☐ Jay Blanton – Chief	□ Donna Henry –
Health & Wellness	Chief Human Resources	UKHC Benefits	Communications	Employee Benefits
Operations	Officer	Consultant	Officer	
Manager				
⊠ Angela	□ Patricia Murray –	⊠ Tina Shanks	⊠ Elizabeth Johnson	
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Agenda Topics Covered			
Task ID	Agenda Item	Presenter/Facilitator	
1	Call to Order/Approve Minutes	C. Chafin	
2	President's Report	Dr. Eric Monday, EVPFA, Co-EVPHA	
4	Guest Speakers	Catie Lasley, Emily Curtsinger	
5	Officer Reports	M. Marefat, G. Haynes, C, Harper, and C. Larmour	
6	Committee Reports	Committee Chairs	
7	Items from the Floor		
8	Adjournment	C. Chafin	

Action Items			
Item	Assigned to	Due Date	

	Notes	



Topic		Discussion
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1.	Call to Order/Approve Minutes	 The meeting was called to order at 1:023pm. The minutes from the September meeting were approved by a motion and a vote from the body.
2.	President's Report	The upcoming Board of Trustees retreat will focus on a critical topic: advancing the health of Kentucky through a holistic approach that goes beyond traditional healthcare. Key themes include: Broadening Healthcare Engagement: The discussion will aim to expand UK's engagement in Kentucky's health beyond the healthcare sector, examining how various aspects of the university can contribute to a healthier state. This aligns with the land-grant mission, which emphasizes UK's responsibility to serve the community. Strategic Health Initiatives: The Board will consider a resolution to support strategies that could include accelerating the construction of a Healthy Kentucky research facility and expanding the health workforce through growth in health disciplines across the entire campus. This reflects UK's comprehensive approach, engaging all colleges, not just the seven health-related ones, to address the state's healthcare challenges. Historical Context of Board Initiatives: In past retreats, the Board has addressed transformative initiatives, like the adoption of the strategic plan centered on "UK Purpose," the goal of advancing Kentucky's economy, and the major expansion of the research enterprise. Last year's retreat, for instance, focused on Project Accelerate, aimed at advancing Kentucky more swiftly. This retreat will build on these past accomplishments, potentially setting a new trajectory to position UK as a leader in tackling Kentucky's health challenges. The search process for the new Vice President for Land Grant Engagement and Dean of the Martin Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment has advanced, and finalists will be visiting campus the week of October 20th. Key points of the process include: Candidate Interviews and Feedback: Each finalist will participate in a multi-day interview cycle, including open forums and meetings with various groups across campus. The candidates' vitae and details will be made available online a few days before their arrival, allowing for transparency and e

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	 This process promotes inclusivity, allowing voices from both the university and the broader community to contribute to the selection of this critical leadership role. It's great to hear the enthusiasm for Dr. Messaoudi's appointment as Acting Vice President for Research! Her proactive engagement across campus shows her commitment to supporting the research enterprise's growth and fostering connections within the university community. This is an exciting step forward for UK's research initiatives.
3. Trustee Report	 The September Board of Trustees meeting on September 12th and 13th was eventful, with notable discussions and updates, especially around student success metrics and campus improvements. Here's a summary: Retention and Graduation Rates: Updates highlighted growth in retention and graduation rates, achieving the highest figures in UK's history. This is a remarkable achievement, especially as enrollment is declining at many institutions across the country. Both the President and Dr. Monday shared these successes with the campus, expressing gratitude for the collective work of faculty and staff in reaching these milestones. Incoming Class: The incoming class looks exceptional, adding to the pride around UK's ability to continue growing and attracting students in a challenging higher education landscape. Historic Memorial Coliseum: Memorial Coliseum, now called "Historic Memorial Coliseum," is partially completed and currently hosting volleyball games and practices. While the interior is functional, construction is ongoing, with the exterior set for completion by spring, possibly around February. The renovation honors the building's historical significance as a memorial to Kentucky's war heroes. A new digital board allows visitors to search the names of Kentuckians who lost their lives in war, offering a meaningful tribute. Upcoming Sports Events and Enhancements: With volleyball in season, basketball approaching, and other events like the Blue-White game and gymnastics around the corner, Memorial Coliseum offers an updated venue for both athletics and community gatherings. Overall, the Board meeting provided a welcome focus on positive achievements and campus improvements, with an emphasis on honoring history and building toward the future.
4. Guest Speakers: Catie Lasley & Emily Curtsinger	 Update on the FLSA (Fair Labor Standards Act) Process: This detailed overview of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) changes offers valuable insights, especially as they affect university employees. Here are some of the key takeaways and action points: FLSA Overview: The FLSA, a federal law, sets standards for minimum wage, overtime, record-keeping, and child labor regulations. Employees not meeting the exempt criteria (based on duties and salary) must receive overtime pay for hours exceeding 40 per week. Recent and Future Changes: In July 2024, the salary threshold for exempt status rose to \$43,888. A further change is anticipated in January, with additional updates planned every three years starting in July 2027. These updates aim to ensure that exempt status aligns with compensation levels.



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	 Historical Context and Legal Compliance: Changes were proposed back in 2016 but were halted by an injunction. With ongoing legal cases potentially impacting the January changes, the university is proceeding with caution to provide accurate information and ensure compliance. Exemption Status and University Positions: Many positions may shift to non-exempt due to the new threshold. This transition doesn't impact the responsibility level, value, or professional standing of a role. Instead, it's a legal requirement based on duties and salary. Non-exempt employees will now need to track work hours for overtime, which could bring additional pay opportunities. Support and Resources: The university will provide resources like a dedicated website, FAQs, and HR support to assist managers and employees. Communication will happen through supervisors to ensure accuracy, with changes communicated before the end of next month. Questions from Managers and Employees: Topics like dissemination of information, definition of healthcare providers, and how exemption status changes affect job titles and classifications were addressed. HR will provide specific resources to help managers communicate changes effectively to their teams. This approach emphasizes transparency, accuracy, and support to ease the transition, helping everyone navigate FLSA changes confidently. If further clarification is needed on any specific job roles or compliance issues, HR remains a key resource. Important clarification on payroll and vacation leave, especially in light of the upcoming FLSA changes: Payroll Structures: Currently, exempt employees (not eligible for overtime) follow a monthly payroll schedule, while non-exempt employees (eligible for overtime) are on a bi-weekly schedule. The HR team is thoughtfully reviewing these payroll structures as they prepare for potential position reclassifications. Vacation Leave Misconcep
	This clear communication is essential to ensure employees feel supported
	and informed about their benefits amidst these updates.
5. Officer Reports	Chair Chafin: I have reconnected with Dr. Monday and hope to shortly with Catie Lasley. I will also be attending committee meetings to offer support. The "Conversations with the President" initiative is a wonderful way for staff

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	to engage directly with Dr. Capilouto, and it's helpful that the Qualtrics link will make sign-ups easy for those interested. As for the newsletter, I hope this will go out this month. Feel free to reach out for brainstorming content ideas or organizing submissions. It's a fantastic opportunity to highlight events and spotlight deserving staff members across campus. Vice Chair Marefat: no report Secretary Haynes: no report Treasurer Harper: There's been no update to the expenses just yet, as far as in the system. But we do have some purchases of some UK Remembers yard signs for an event. You know the UK Remembers event coming up. What we, as the Staff Senate are spending, and so we still have our budget of \$12,948.83. Parliamentarian Larmour: Camera Requirement for Virtual Meetings: Under State law, cameras must be on during video conference meetings whenever business is discussed. If a vote is held (e.g., approving minutes), cameras should be on. For those in patient care or other restrictive areas, please discuss possible accommodations with your supervisor. Staff Senate officers are available to assist if further facilitation is needed. Transparency and Open Records Compliance: To align with transparency requirements, committee agendas, meeting minutes, and other documents will be posted on the Staff Senate website. This process is underway, and there will be reasonable timelines for posting to ensure no undue burden on members. Standing Committee SOP Vote: An ad hoc committee has proposed a change to the Standing Committee SOPs, which will be voted on as part of the meeting's closing items. Please stay on until the end of the meeting to help maintain quorum for this vote. Thank you for your attention to these important compliance and procedural details.
6. Committee Reports	 The items to be pulled from the Consent Agenda: Bylaws, Community Outreach, Employee Engagement & Professional Development, University Budget & Finance. The Consent Agenda passed by approval of all Senators: Bylaws: Here's an update on the AR (Administrative Regulation) development process following guidance from Dr. Monday and President Capilouto: Current Stage and Process Information Gathering: We're in the initial phase, and benchmarking forwains on what
	gathering information and benchmarking, focusing on what we're already doing and exploring potential improvements. This stage includes evaluating foundational elements like composition, membership, voting procedures, and committee structures.

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- Guiding Topics: We have a list of six initial topics to cover in the AR:
 - Composition
 - Responsibilities
 - Meetings
 - Voting
 - Committees
 - Amending the AR
- The goal is to maintain a balance between broad guidelines in the AR and specific details in the bylaws, allowing flexibility for operational updates.
- Committee Involvement: Committee members have volunteered to lead information gathering on each of the six areas. Weekly optional work sessions are scheduled to track progress and compile initial recommendations, aiming to complete a baseline draft by the end of the year.
- Feedback and Review Loop: Once the Bylaws Committee has initial recommendations, these will go through a multistep review process:
 - Review by the Executive Committee (EC) and the broader Senate body.
 - Feedback sessions will allow members to provide input on specific areas (e.g., meetings, composition).
 - Review by university leadership (Eric and Eli) for alignment with shared governance standards, followed by final feedback to the Senate.
- **AR Timeline**: The projected timeline for this process is to have recommendations ready by April.
- Transparency and Input: Members are encouraged to provide input at any stage. The Bylaws Committee will remain open about its progress and decision-making process, sharing updates frequently.

Other Points of Interest

- Comparison to Faculty Senate: Although the Faculty Senate's AR has been completed, it's a separate process.
 Staff Senate's AR will be uniquely tailored for staff and developed independently.
- Continued Meetings with Leadership: The committee will meet with Dr. Monday on the 21st for additional guidance.

Involvement and Communication

Staff Senate members are encouraged to reach out if they have questions, concerns, or suggestions. Committee updates will be shared regularly, and members can contact specific senators involved in university-level AR reenvisioning for details on that process.

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	 This is a significant opportunity to reimagine our body's structure and ensure it supports access, efficiency, and representation in a modern, hybrid work environment. Employee Engagement & Professional Development: The upcoming Lunch and Learn session on library resources sounds like a great opportunity for staff to learn about available resources. I'll make a note to keep an eye out for the email and to think of potential speakers who could contribute in future sessions. If there's anything specific you'd like feedback on for future topics, feel free to let me know! Community Outreach:
	 As mentioned in the chat, it sounds like an exciting and eventful week for Homecoming, and it's great to hear there are so many ways for staff and families to join in! Thanks also for the update on the volunteer events. It's wonderful that the Martin Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment staff are hosting an appreciation event—getting out there with T-shirts and staff Senate info is such a nice way to engage with colleagues and potential new members. The Alzheimer's Association Walk on October 20th sounds like a meaningful volunteer opportunity, too. I'll help spread the word, and I'll let you know if I hear of any ideas for the Community Outreach Committee! University Budget Finance Committee. One of our objectives this year was to have a productive conversation with Dr. Monday about how Staff can be involved in the Budget decision-making process. I wanted to give you an update on what we saw with him and his team last week. Dr. Monday is not going to be at the November meeting. But other members of his team are: Penny Cox (University Treasurer), Gina Dugas and Angie Martin. They are going to meet with our committee and go over the budget decision-making process with us and give the timelines of when the decisions are made and what the strategy used in making those decisions. The idea is to be more of an educational piece this year. Next year, the staff will have input on budgetary decisions, university wide when the budgetary decision is impacting staff. All the committee meetings are open to everyone, so if you want to attend our November meeting, please reach out to me or Lucas Redman, we'll forward you the invite. The December meeting we will be going over the fiscal year '26
7. Items from the Floor	preliminary budget with us. We created an ad hoc committee for a revision of the SOPs relating to the current 4 ad hoc committees:
	 Ad-Hoc University Infrastructure Ad-Hoc Budget & Finance looking at changing those to standing committees. It does have some rationale on this document as well, so that our current 4 ad hoc committees. We realize that there is one small part of our bylaws that we are in

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	noncompliance by having these ad hoc committees and that is that Bylaw 1.4 point 1.4.2 requires all Senators be a member of at least one standing committee. and one of the things that this has also brought up is the fact that the ad hoc committees by design are not explicitly members of the Executive Committee, nor do their chairs have voting privileges in the Executive Committee. There was a call for an ad hoc committee to look into this. There were 6 of us on the ad hoc: Lucas Redmond was elected the Chair I was elected the Secretary. We also had Senator Carroll. Staff Senate Secretary Haynes, Senator Charla Hamilton, and Senator Sumner and we were looking at whether there needed further language to add these committees, or if they would just be added to the list. If you do go to the bylaws right now, some of the committees do have a SOP listed in the bylaws, but not all of them. and that's never been a requirement. The committee did come to the decision of just looking to make this change with adding these to the list of committees would resolve the noncompliance with our bylaws regarding senators being at least one standing committee and give the Chairs of those committees voting rights on the EC. Our standard operating procedures are intended to be a more flexible part of our body. It's why they have a lower bar. It only requires a majority of the people in attendance at a meeting to amend them. Making this change doesn't mean that this is a permanent or these have to be forever, but this resolves those issues in the easiest way. O Parliamentarian Larmour makes a motion to the body to amend the SOPs as listed to include these 4 committees in the list of committees and the bylaws and it will exclude the word ad hoc in their listing in the bylaws. The second was made by Senator
	Sumner. Discussion: When will this go into effect? <i>Immediately</i> . The amendment carries with a vote of 83 in favor, 1 not in favor and 3 abstentions.
8. Adjournment	Treasurer motioned to adjourn with a second by Senator Hainley. The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 pm.