

# University of Kentucky

## 1. Number of students: total, undergraduate, graduate, professional (2002)

Total = 25,033

Undergraduate = 17,878

Graduate = 5,767

Professional = 1,388

## 2. Number and Name of colleges within your University

18 colleges:

College of Agriculture

College of Arts and Sciences

Gatton College of Business and Economics

College of Communications and Information Studies

College of Design

College of Education

College of Engineering

College of Fine Arts

College of Human Environmental Sciences

College of Law

College of Social Work

College of Nursing

College of Health Sciences

College of Dentistry

College of Medicine

College of Pharmacy

The Graduate School

Lexington Community College

## 3. Number of Senators: total, by school

(# Faculty Senators; # Student Senators)

7;1 = College of Agriculture

20;1 = College of Arts and Sciences

6;1 = Gatton College of Business and Economics

3;1 = College of Communications and Information Studies

1;1 = College of Design

6;1 = College of Education

7;1 = College of Engineering

3;1 = College of Fine Arts

2;1 = College of Human Environmental Sciences

1;1 = College of Law

- 1;1 = College of Social Work
- 2;1 = College of Nursing
- 2;1 = College of Health Sciences
- 2;1 = College of Dentistry
- 16;1 = College of Medicine
- 2;1 = College of Pharmacy
- 1;1 = The Graduate School
- 11;1 = Lexington Community College
- 2;0 = Libraries

The University Senate is composed of elected faculty and students from the colleges of the University. In addition, there are many administrators (deans, vice-presidents, etc.) who serve on the Senate either in a non-voting capacity or, in the case of deans, having voting privileges every other year (see below). At any one time, half the deans are voting members of the Senate.

Faculty Senators have 3-year terms, while student Senators have one-year terms. The President of the Student Government Association is also a voting member of the University Senate.

#### **4. Senate Officer titles & length of terms**

Officially, the President of the University is the Chair of the University Senate, but the presiding officer (unless otherwise delegated by the President) is the Senate Council Chair.

The Senate Council is the executive body of the Senate, elected by the Senate and composed of 9 faculty Senators, 2 student Senators, and the President of the Student Government Association. The Chair and Vice-Chair terms are one year, with the Chair eligible to be re-elected for one additional year.

#### **5. Number and Name of Senate Committees**

Total = 13 Senate Standing Committees and 4 Councils of the Senate

##### Standing

- Academic Advising
- Academic Facilities
- Academic Organization and Structure
- Academic Planning and Priorities
- Academic Programs
- Admissions and Academic Standards
- Admissions Advisory
- Institutional Finances and Resource Allocation
- Library
- Research
- Retroactive Withdrawals
- Rules and Elections
- University Studies Program

## Councils

Undergraduate Council

Graduate Council

Academic Council of the Medical Center

Lexington Community College Academic Council

## **6. Senate Governance:**

### **a. Role of the Faculty Senate**

(From the Governing Regulations)

The functions of the University Senate shall include the following:

- I. Determine the broad academic policies of the University System and make regulations to implement these policies.
- II. Approve all new academic programs, curricula, and courses offered in the University System.
- III. Adopt policies for the University System academic calendar and approve the annual calendar as prepared by the University Registrar.
- IV. Recommend to the Provost on the establishment, alteration, and abolition of educational units in the University System.
- V. Advise the President or the President's designated officer on the planning for physical facilities and staff when these may affect the attainment of education objectives of the University System.
- VI. Advise the President or the President's designated officer, through appropriate committees, on criteria for appointments, reappointments, promotions, and granting of tenure in the University System.
- VII. Determine the conditions for admission and for degrees, other than honorary degrees, in the University System.
- VIII. Recommend to the President all candidates for degrees in the University System.

### **b. Reporting structure of Senate to University**

The Senate officially reports to the University through its Chair (the President) and its 2 Faculty Trustees (who are ex officio members of the Senate Council). On a less formalized but more frequent basis, the actual communication occurs through the Senate Council Chair, who informs faculty constituents of actions and activities from administration, and vice versa. Attached separately are two items created by one of our faculty trustees: a flow chart of reporting lines and a summary of advisory relationships across governance lines.

### **c. School deans – ex-officio Senate members or members with voting status**

In even numbered academic years, the ex officio voting members of the Senate shall be composed of the following: Provost, Vice President for Research, Senior Vice President and Chancellor of the Medical Center, Director of Libraries, Director of Teaching Learning Center and Deans of the Colleges of Allied Health Professions, Architecture, Communications and Information Studies, Dentistry, Education, Engineering, Law, and Social Work. In odd numbered academic years, the ex officio voting members shall be the following: Provost, President of the Lexington Community College, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs for the Medical Center, Dean of the Graduate School, Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Deans of the Colleges of Agriculture, Arts and Sciences,

Business and Economics, Fine Arts, Human Environmental Sciences, Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy.

**d. Make up of ex-officio members (i.e. includes administrators, staff council leaders, and/or student leaders)**

The ex officio non-voting membership shall include the President, all other vice presidents, Associate Provost for Minority Affairs, University System Registrar, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education for the Lexington Campus and Director of Admissions, Dean of University Extension, Dean of Students, Professor of Military Science, Professor of Aerospace Studies, Director of the University Studies Program, and, if they are not already elected members of the Senate, the University System faculty members of the Board of Trustees, the Academic Ombud, the Director of the Honors Program, and the chairpersons of the University Senate Committees, including University Senate Advisory Committees.

**e. With whom and with what frequency does the Senate executive committee meet with University administrators (i.e. president and/or provost)**

We have intermittent meetings, with 1 – 2 meetings of the Senate Council with the President and Provost over an academic year.

**f. Degree of Senate involvement in the selection of members for standing University-wide committees**

Ordinarily, the President asks the Senate Council for recommendations for members for Search Committees and the administrative regulations specify that the Senate Council is to make recommendation to the President for certain University-wide committees (promotion and tenure committees advisory to the Provost, for example) each year. Requests for input from the Senate Council regarding ad hoc committees has not been as regular, and we have formed a joint Senate Council/Administration Committee that will be working on guidelines to be followed in the selection of faculty for ad hoc committees, task forces, etc.

**g. Degree of Senate involvement in the selection of members for University-wide ad-hoc committees**

See above.

**h. Degree of Senate influence on University academic policies and procedures**

Narrowly, the Senate has absolute influence on educational matters (admissions criteria, academic standards). The Senate has a direct advisory role to the Board of Trustees regarding broader issues, such as academic organization and structure. It has a less powerful advisory role regarding items like budget and finance. An area we are beginning to debate is the definition of “academic” – we feel it has been more narrowly defined in the past (closely related to “instruction”) but we are discussing the relationship of research and service within the University to the broader concept of “academics.”

**i. Describe formal structure that promotes continuity between and after officer changeover**

At present, there is no succession that occurs and there is no overlap time for a new Chair to become oriented to the position. In fact, only until several years ago, the Senate Council Chair was strictly a one-year term.

**7. If applicable, faculty governance within University schools or colleges:**

- a. Type of governance bodies**
- b. Relationship between governing bodies and Senate**
- c. Make up of governing bodies (elected or appointed members; representation determined by department size or other method)**

Not all colleges have college or faculty councils. Of those that do, the members and officers may be – but are not obliged to be – University Senators. We hope that the views and actions of college councils would be transmitted by and reflected through the University Senators of that college. In some cases, there has been direct communication between the Senate (through the Senate Council Chair) with the college councils when the Senate Council needed to query the elected members of a college on a particularly important issue. Makeup of these college councils is highly variable, based on the rules of the faculty of that college. In a few colleges that have no departments, the dean acts as CEO, CAO, department chair, and leader of the faculty council of that college.

**8. Collegiate Athletics:**

- a. Role of Senate in the establishment and oversight of student-athlete policies and procedures**

There is no formalized role of the Senate at present.

- b. Faculty Representative: appointed or elected, and by whom**

Faculty Rep is appointed by the President and is not necessarily a member of the Senate

- c. If applicable, role of Senate standing committee on athletics**

None

- d. Reporting structure of Department of Athletics to University**

There is a separate Athletics Board that oversees Athletics activities, chaired by the President.

- e. Who (title-wise) is the responsible person for academic affairs in the department of athletics?**

Until recently, the individual responsible for academics worked specifically for Athletics. Recently, with the implementation of a provost model at the University, this individual now reports to the Provost's office. He is still called an "Associate Director for Athletics."

- f. What types of academic support are extended to student-athletes through the department of athletics?**

The Center for Academic and Tutorial Services is a academic support facility dedicated solely to student-athletes and is staffed by academic counselors, career development specialists, graduate assistants, and headed by the aforementioned individual.