

I. Call to Order

7:00

II. Approval of Minutes

Approved

III. Committee Reports:

a. Academic & Student Affairs- Chair Alex Cochran

Absent

b. Appropriations & Revenue- Chair Kelly Mattingly

Kelly said he has a meeting with the last organizations tomorrow over Zoom. It will gauge their funding proposals. They are mostly for items that can be used in future years. The Appropriations Act was sent to O&E last week. Should be their last meeting

c. Operations & Evaluations- Chair Kamryn Stewart

Kamryn said they are fine tuning all of the legislation. The 22nd is when they are planning for it to be finished. If we don't go through it all that night, then the 23rd is when they will finish it up. Everything is going well.

IV. Orders of The Day

VII. Presidential Privilege

President Capilouto sent out an email with a bunch of information. The call campaign will call everyone to UK to complete a check in and keep contact. The plan is to call all students. The team will be made of staff members who need re-purposed job duties. We are hoping to have at least 150 volunteers for it. He sent out a link to become a volunteer. The hurdle we are working on now is creating a Cisco client or a Google number so people don't have to use their real phone numbers. There will be one script for graduating students. Another thing is the housing and dining refunds. 36% of the housing and dining costs will be given back. This number was rounded up and was worked on very diligently to be fair. The way they voted to deal with pass/fail, is to leave it up to departments. Academic advisors will have the most information for students. Senate council and the provost office are compiling information to create one central location. The graduate school currently does not have the mechanism to have a pass/fail option. This was deferred to the graduate council. They decided to operate how the undergraduate colleges are doing this. The council has not set parameters on the pass/fail grading system. Tuition will likely not be refunded. We are still getting the credits that we pay tuition to receive. He is not super inclined to argue heavily for tuition refunds because of this logic. Fees are another thing being discussed. Administrators are looking through the student fees to see if any could be refunded. It is difficult to gauge because much of the individual fees help support staffing needs. UK is trying to minimize the impact of this pandemic on employment. Most of the fee receiving offices are adapting to an online model of service so students are still able to

access them. An example is online workout classes put on by the Johnson Center. He will keep updating everyone on this situation as he moves forward.

Nicole asked if the Ombud is still operating right now? She knows some students who are struggling with how their professors are teaching.

Michael said yes, the Ombud is still functioning.

Connor Hicks read off of the university's website. The mandatory fees are 764 or 128 dollars. It's about a 500 dollar difference.

Michael said if there was a refund given it would be similar to that 36%. And some of the activities and programs are still being given. If it is in the hundreds, it's a harder conversation to have. He will continue to have the conversation.

Dean said on the email from UK that the account refunds will begin on April 6. Do we know when they will be finished?

Michael said no, but he will ask and get back to him.

Dean asked if he knows how scholarships will impact the refunds.

Michael asked for elaboration.

Dean said he knows some student have housing, books, etc. paid for. How will these be assessed?

Michael said this will not be reflected on each student's budget. It will be a general refund amount applied to an account. If you have an outstanding balance this semester, this will go to that first.

Kayla Woodson asked since summer classes are online, will the distance fee be applied?

Michael said they will be communicating more about this. The president included information in his email. What he has gathered is they will assess summer tuition at the lowest rate possible. This is for undergraduate. Grad school information will be compiled separately.

Kayla asked if this will be for all classes. Would the same distance fee be applied to those classes?

Michael said he is not entirely sure. They are trying to simplify everything.

Edward said thank you for assessing grad school pass/fail. Is the university doing anything to increase or improve their responses to the concerns that are coming through the concern form? People in the past have felt that it has not been effective in changing anything.

Michael said he knows the office is going through reports. He hasn't heard of an increase in reports. Arion Jett-Seals usually goes immediately to the basic needs concerns. If a student has had a bad experience on that he would invite them to share more information because he knows their office does their best to help those students. Their operations are still in swing.

Courtney said she received a call from ITS, she volunteered to be on the call for students and they asked her to download a program. If you signed up, be on the lookout for a call.

Michael said individual offices have already started and students are being separated and categorized into lists. They will be reaching out soon with folks to call.

Arianna said their TA contracts will go to May. Will teaching assistants have the opportunity to apply for unemployment this summer? She is afraid other students are in the same boat as she is.

Michael said he will ask about this and let them know that students are concerned.

Edward said it is worth applying for.

Michael said that's just something he doesn't have a lot of information on, especially in that conversation. A lot of that will have to be evaluated. If someone does end up losing their jobs, seeking the unemployment help is a good route.

Arianna said her director has assured her that her position is safe for next semester. Most people get another job over the summer, but because they can't get another job because of the contract. Most TA's have positions for next semester in her college.

Michael said he will ask questions and get back to her.

VIII. Announcements and Senator's Privilege

Kayla D said the applications for scholarships were pushed back until next meeting. Look at the graphic she sent in GroupMe. They want a lot of applications.

Bilal said at university senate, they waived the ACT as a requirement for incoming freshman. For dental and pharmacy students, the pass/fail option is available. For pre-med students, UK's med school is accepting pass/fail credits for this semester only. UofL med school is doing the same thing.

Maya asked about an undergraduate council meeting yesterday. She said they said UK Med school decided they will only do this if the university did this for all classes.

Michael added clarification.

Bilal said that was the initial decision, but they did change it. The March Senator of the Month is Zac Losey. Congratulations Zac.

X. Member's Privilege

Courtney wanted to remind everyone that if they are not returning to senate, exec applications are out and closing soon. There is a new graphic that she will be sending out. Currently exec is working on transitions as the new team will be interviewed next week and hired in the upcoming weeks. Wildcat Wardrobe is currently closed. They are working with a business that will provide a tax reduction. She is planning to still have something for Still We Rise. She is working with Ashley to compile a video. Dr. Mrs. Capilouto wanted this event. They are compiling a video of the students who were supposed to be speaking.

Jack said if you are a returning senator, please look at the email he sent out.

XI. Adjournment

7:40