

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
University of Kentucky
Friday, September 13, 2024

The Board of Trustees of the University of Kentucky met on Friday, September 13, 2024, in the Gatton Student Center, Harris Ballroom.

I. Call to Order

E. Britt Brockman, chair of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and asked Assistant Secretary Thro to call the roll.

II. Roll Call

The following members of the Board of Trustees were in attendance: Hubie Ballard, Claude A. "Skip" Berry, Cathy A. Black, Alex Boone, Todd Case, Ray Daniels, Maddie Duff, David Figg, Ron Geoghegan, Brenda Gosney, Janie Greer, Lance Lucas, David Melanson, Hannah Myers, Paula Leach Pope, Frank Shoop, Hollie Swanson and Robert Vance. Elizabeth McCoy was absent.

Secretary Thro announced a quorum was present.

III. Approval of Minutes

Chair Brockman stated that the minutes of the June 14, 2024, meeting had been distributed and asked for a motion to approve. Trustee Vance moved approval and Trustee Ballard seconded the motion; the motion carried without dissent.

IV. Chair's Report

Chair Brockman reported that the Executive Committee met and approved the list of survey questions as part of the 2023-24 Presidential Evaluation.

As background, pursuant to Governing Regulation II, an annual performance evaluation of the President is performed, and the Executive Committee serves as the Performance Review Committee and shall involve the entire Board of Trustees.

Chair Brockman asked for a motion to approve the list of survey questions. Trustee Black motioned to approve; Trustee Lucas seconded the motion, and the list of survey questions as part of the 2023-24 Presidential Evaluation passed without dissent.

Chair Brockman reported in addition to the Presidential Evaluation questions, the Executive Committee approved the list of survey questions as part of the annual 2023-24 Board of Trustees Self-Evaluation.

Chair Brockman asked for a motion to approve the list of self-evaluation survey

questions. Trustee Swanson motioned to approve; Trustee Greer seconded the motion, and the survey questions as part of the annual 2023-24 Board of Trustees Self-Evaluation passed without dissent.

Chair Brockman reported there were 33 consent agenda items, including:

- PR 2 Personnel Actions
- ASACR 1 Transfer of Center: Office of the Vice President for Research
- ASACR 2 Undergraduate Certificate: College of Education
- ASACR 3 Deletion of Certificate: Pigman College of Engineering
- ASACR 4 Academic Degree: College of Pharmacy
- ASACR 5 Graduate Certificate: College of Design
- ASACR 6 Graduate Certificate: Gatton College of Business and Economics
- ASACR 7 Graduate Certificate: College of Fine Arts
- ASACR 8 Graduate Certificate: College of Fine Arts
- ASACR 9 Undergraduate Certificate: College of Fine Arts
- ASACR 10 Undergraduate Certificate: College of Fine Arts
- ASACR 11 Undergraduate Certificate: Pigman College of Engineering
- ASACR 12 Undergraduate Certificate: College of Education
- ASACR 13 Undergraduate Certificate: College of Health Sciences
- FCR 1 Acceptance of Amended and Restated Gift Commitment (Lighthouse Beacon Foundation)
- FCR 2 Acceptance of Charitable Gift (Janice L. Brannon)
- FCR 3 Acceptance of Gift (Elizabeth Frances Grundy)
- FCR 4 Approval of Disposal (Grundy Farm at Valley Hill)
- FCR 5 Approval of Disposal (C. Oran Little Research Center)
- FCR 6 Approval of Ground Lease (Kentucky Cattleman's Foundation, Inc.)
- FCR 7 Approval of Lease (Leader Avenue)
- FCR 8 Approval to Acquire Holly Enterprises, LLC Properties
- FCR 9 Construct Meats/Food Development Center Capital Project
- FCR 10 Construct Agriculture Research Facility 2 Capital Project
- FCR 11 Improve Center for Applied Energy Research Facilities Capital Project
- FCR 12 Improve UK HealthCare Facilities Pavilion H Infusion Center
- FCR 13 Improve UK Facilities Pavilion G Cath Lab Capital Project
- FCR 14 Improve Campus Parking and Transportation System
- FCR 15 Acquire/Improve Service Core Systems Capital Project
- FCR 16 Improve and Construct Utilities Capital Project
- FCR 17 Capital Construction Report
- FCR 18 Patent Report
- UK HealthCare Medical Staff Privileges and Appointments

Chair Brockman asked if there were any requests to remove an item from the consent agenda. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. Trustee Case moved approval; Trustee Boone seconded the motion and the consent agenda passed without dissent.

Chair Brockman introduced President Capilouto for his report.

V. President's Report

President Capilouto reported on the University's preliminary enrollment report for Fall 2024, "On behalf of the more than 26,000 employees at the University of Kentucky I have the honor to present the University of Kentucky's Preliminary Enrollment Report for 2024. In many ways, it is historic in terms of the number of students we are educating, retaining and graduating. All are record numbers and all reflect an unflinching and unwavering commitment to putting students first at the University of Kentucky. I am pleased to provide a snapshot of the progress you, and so many on our campus, are making possible in advancing Kentucky through the education of the University's students."

The president reported that 36,161 students enrolled on campus for the fall semester, according to preliminary figures, "This is a nearly seven percent increase over last year and represents a record enrollment. Under your leadership, and with UK's strategic plan, the goal is to grow thoughtfully and strategically to meet the state's growing needs for more skilled workers and capable leaders."

The fall preliminary numbers reflect 25,774 undergraduates at UK, a 7.5 percent increase over the previous year, "That is both more students coming to UK and more successfully staying and progressing once they are here. More students and families from Kentucky, the region and across the country see UK as a first choice for their education."

The president reported that UK's first-year class is 6,571 students, according to preliminary numbers, a little more than a two percent increase over last year's class, "Here, too, is further evidence of the strategic and continual increases in class sizes we have sought over the last several years at your direction and in response to Kentucky's needs."

The president continued, "As our campus has engaged in discussion in recent months over what that mission means, we have focused on three questions: Did we care? Were we fair? Did we give everyone a fair shot? President Capilouto referred to a slide displayed, "As this chart demonstrates, more students from underrepresented backgrounds, as defined by state policymakers, are choosing UK. At the same time, more students who will be the first in their families to graduate from college, first-generation students, are coming to the University of Kentucky, nearly 19 percent of our first-year students come from underrepresented backgrounds; 26.1 percent of those students are first-generation."

"These numbers and the patterns of growth and evolution bear watching and further study. For example, like other institutions, following the Supreme Court ruling last summer, we have experienced a decline in the number of first-year Black students entering the University of Kentucky, enrolling about 60 fewer students based on preliminary data. At the same time, however, the numbers of first-year students identifying as Hispanic or Latino and two or more races continue to increase such that both the

number and percentage of underrepresented students in our first-year class are at record levels; 1,238 students and nearly 19 percent of the class.”

“In addition, based on the preliminary data, we have the largest number of Black students among our transfer students in a decade and a half. As a result, the number of undergraduate Black students increased from 1,585 to 1,627 and the overall number of Black students at UK is at a record level (2,454).”

“While it is too early to draw conclusions with respect to these numbers, we will continue to evaluate as we work to ensure all students have access to the distinct education UK provides as Kentucky’s land-grant institution. The questions we ask of ourselves every day reinforce that we represent all of Kentucky, but we also know we have a particular mission in Eastern Kentucky. We are partnering to extend access to health care with community partners in Northeastern Kentucky such as St. Claire and King’s Daughters and many others. We are seeking with generous donors and recruitment efforts to open wider doors of access to educational opportunities for the region as well.”

President Capilouto referred to a slide detailing first-year student enrollment in Appalachia, “We are closely tracking students who matriculate to UK from the Appalachian region in Kentucky as well. We are doing what we can to grow and our efforts are showing significant promise. Even as we have enrolled more and more students, we also have continued to make progress in their success. That makes us distinctive and is a point in which I think we all should take particular pride, even as we will never be satisfied.”

“Retention rates, students successfully returning to campus, are again at record levels. Most significantly, the six-year graduation rate reached another all-time high at more than 71 percent, a continual trajectory of progress over more than a decade. That number places us among the top 100 public four-year colleges and universities in the country, based on the most recent data.”

“We have discussed before, but it bears mentioning again, that we have increased student success rates even as we have grown enrollment, even as we have maintained our commitment to opening doors of access to students from all walks of life — income, geography, race and other backgrounds. That is not the norm but it is who we are. It is what we do because it is what Kentucky needs.”

“Our four-year graduation rate is now at more than 60 percent, almost 30 percentage points higher than it was roughly 15 years ago. That is a testament to the foundation laid by so many people across this campus over so many years — those who came before us and those who labor with us still. It speaks to an entire campus committed to putting students first. Driven by twin engines of progress in student growth and graduation rate increases, more and more students are crossing that Rupp Arena stage in December and May to receive their degrees. They are prepared for the workforce and careers and for lives of meaning and purpose.”

“Finally, I wanted to draw your attention to the early results we have been receiving from UK Invests. UK was the first institution in the country to initiate this kind of program in which every student has access to their own low-risk investment account. More than 20 percent of UK students in year one opened accounts and by May 2024 those students had earned nearly \$1 million. So far this semester, more than one-third of first-year students have already opened accounts.”

The president continued, “The idea is to invest in students now — empower them with education and real-life experience in the power of saving and investing as part of preparing them for life. Look at the impact it is already having. Students who opened accounts had retention rates nearly eight percentage points higher than those who did not. Students engaged in UK Invests also, on average, had higher Grade Point Averages (GPAs). We are seeking in so many ways to be innovative — not for the sake of new programs to promote. It is the power and promise of finding new approaches to improving the success of our students. Putting the success of students first is not simply a statement in a plan. It is a way of life for this University.”

The president remarked, “The numbers, I hope you agree, paint a powerful picture of what we are doing, through our students, to advance this state. The report before you is one chapter in the story we are writing about what we are doing to honor that vision and achieve our mission. Please know it also is a statement of hope and challenge and of our calling and understanding that there is still work to be done.”

“We do not intend to stop. There are still too many chapters to write, too many stories to tell, so much more to do for our students, their families and this state whose name we bear.”

“The questions we have been asking of ourselves, since the pandemic and through today, have revolved around three ideas: Did we care? Were we fair? Did we give everyone a fair shot? In the numbers before you today, I hope you agree that we are strongly answering yes to all those questions — with commitment and a heart for Kentucky.”

Chair Brockman thanked the president for his report and reminded the Board that in 2011 the Board challenged him to address all of these issues and metrics that were presented today, “I for one, know the job is not finished and it took more than you to accomplish these goals, but I would like to applaud you for having done so.”

The president and Dr. Mary Lynne Capilouto were honored with applause.

VI. Other Business

Chair Brockman explained the reasoning behind the use of the consent agenda for Board meetings, pointing out that early on multiple meetings were occurring at once and the Committees would need to discuss recommendations from their Committees in detail before the Board voted on them. Now, the Committee meetings do not conflict and typically all Board members have already heard the items being considered and for that

reason, the Board began using the consent process.

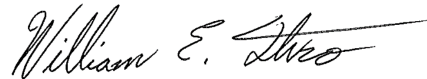
2025 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule

Chair Brockman then introduced the 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule and asked for a motion to approve. Trustee Gosney motioned to approve; Trustee Daniels seconded the motion, and the 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule passed without dissent.

VII. Adjournment

Chair Brockman asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William E. Thro". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

William E. Thro
Assistant Secretary