



A senator asked if, in his communication with administrators, President Clay had learned anything about plans for dealing with the Covid 19 situation, especially contingency plans in case things get worse.

President Clay responded that the Green and Gold Commission meets next week to assess the situation. He noted that we are ready to go virtual if that becomes necessary.

A senator asked what we are supposed to do about student noncompliance with the mask mandate. President Clay replied that we can provide masks to students who don't have them and ask students to leave if they refuse to mask. Faculty can also report noncompliant students to Dean of Students Arlen Sims.

Another senator asked if the university is requiring vaccinations and the answer was, "No."

#### **4. Faculty Regent Updates**

Faculty Regent candidates will address the Senate later in the meeting.

#### **6. General Education Update, [5 minute time limit] NA**

#### **7. Administration Updates [5 minutes each]**

##### **Dr. Dailey- Distance Learning & Technology NA**

##### **Dr. Deams/Dean Sims-Student Engagement**

Dean of Students Arlen Sims addressed the Senate saying that masks are required inside all KSU buildings. Students know this. Let Student Engagement know about noncompliance by sending an email with the student's name. There is no wiggle room in this policy. We are working on a student-led "mask up" campaign that will roll out soon.

Excuses for student absences should be coming from Amy Olds, or William Mink while Ms. Olds is on vacation. Contact tracing is handled by Nurse Todd.

A senator questioned whether reporting students to Mr. Sims would solve the masking problem. "It's my word against theirs," the senator said, noting that faculty have not always been backed up by administration in such situations.

Mr. Sims replied that building relationships with students can work, too. He said you can send in the names, or you can also invite me to your class to address the problem.

Another senator reported that he experienced no compliance problems in class, but that in the hallways compliance was zero.

President Clay noted that when he sees this he offers the student a mask. President Clay also noted that he will take up this issue with the Green and Gold Commission and in his next meeting with Acting President Stamps.

##### **Nurse Todd- Safety**

Nurse Todd reported that regarding information about Covid cases at KSU, she has provided the link for the Dashboard and asked that it be updated regularly. She hands in weekly updates to Brand Identity, but the Dashboard has not been updated since August 19.

So far this semester we have had 52 positive tests. Twenty-one are already recovered, and there are 21 active cases. In August the school administered 1206 tests, 900 of those were for athletes. Regarding mask compliance, she noted that students show up at Student Health without a mask. When this happens in class, she said, please ask them to leave and report them to Mr. Sims and Dr. Deams.

We encourage students to test. KSU took no cheerleaders to the Capital Classic because seven were positive. The contact seems to be mostly from roommates, not from campus activities. We've been blessed that no student has been hospitalized. Young people are being hospitalized in the current surge of

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**Attendance**  
**Senators**

Kristopher R Grimes  
Phillip H Clay  
Patti Marraccini  
Keith McCutchen  
Daniel D Collum  
Rozina Johnson  
Changzheng Wang  
Barbara Witty  
Buddhi Gyawali  
Gary Stratton  
Mary Barr  
Jens Hannemann

Bruce Griffis  
Noel D. Novelo  
Jennifer Ballard-Kang  
Shawn Lucas  
Bobby Walter  
James Obielodan  
Rene Desborde  
Alexander Lai  
Gavin Washington  
Fariba Bigdeli Jahed  
Fariba Kashan  
Dr. Nkechi Amadife

**Absent:** Nancy Capriles

**Guests**

Mara Merlino  
Margery Coulson-Clark  
Sheila Stuckey  
Debbra Tate  
Samantha Todd  
Lauren Graves  
Herman Walston  
Scott Wicker  
Charles Holloway  
Frederick A. Williams Jr.  
Yun Jiang  
Deanna McGaughey-Summers  
Jyotica Batra  
Kirk Pomper  
Clifford Wise  
Keturah Nix  
Peter Smith  
Wilfred Reilly  
Chandee Felder