UK Staff Senate Elections April 15, 2015

Dear Colleagues,

Our work at the University of Kentucky is deeply rooted in a sense of community and a spirit of partnership. We know that working together is the best way to positively influence lives and fulfill our mission.

To that end, we must continue to foster a climate that promotes and empowers all university employees and students to participate in the decision-making process. I invite you to participate through the University of Kentucky Staff Senate.

Staff Senators are involved in a wide variety of activities on campus, from serving on decisionmaking committees to planning and facilitating special events, such as the annual UK Appreciation Day and the Outstanding Staff Awards recognition ceremony.

Staff Senators are elected by their UK peers and serve 3-year terms. Self-nominations are now being accepted through Friday, April 24. Elections will be held May 8-22.

University regulations support service. Typically, Senators commit about 3-4 hours a month to Senate meetings and events and work with supervisors to ensure that this service is not disruptive to normal duties.

To run for an elected Senate office, the employee must be .75 full time equivalent or more and receive supervisor approval to participate. Guidelines to run for Senate, as well as the self-nomination form, are available at the following link: <u>http://dib.uky.edu/staffsenate/elections-nominations-open-april-6th</u>.

For more information, contact Senate Office Coordinator, Holly Clark, at 859-257-9240 or holly.clark@uky.edu.

I encourage you to participate in these important elections. Thank you for everything you do for and on behalf of the UK family.

Eli Capilouto President