

University of Louisville
Faculty Senate Meeting
January 14, 2009

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on January 14, 2009 at 3:00 P.M. in the Ekstrom Library, Chao Auditorium, Belknap Campus, Melissa Laning presiding.

Senators Registering Attendance

A&S – Beth Boehm, Dewey Clayton, Dennis Hall, Martin Klotz, Mary Makris, Susan Matarese, Cynthia Negrey, Ron Sahoo, Joseph Steffen,, Elaine Wise, Tamara Yohannes **CoB** – Robert Barker, Carrie Donald, Bruce Kemelgor, Robert Myers **DENTISTRY** – Ricardo Caicedo, Donald DeMuth, Robert Staat, Dave Willis **EDUCATION** – Thaddeus Dumas, Diane Kyle, William Weinberg, Jeff Valentine **KENT** – Seana Golder, Ruth Huber, Dana Sullivan **LAW** – David Ensign, Kurt Metzmeier **LIBRARIES** – Gail Gilbert, Melissa Laning, Margo Smith **MEDICINE** – Forest Arnold, John Buchino, Pamela Feldhoff, Lawrence Hunt, Saeed Jortani, Nobuyuki Kuwabara, Steven Myers, John Nyland, John Passmore **MUSIC** – Greg Byrne, Daniel Weeks, Seow-Chin Ong **NURSING** – Beth Bonham, Ermalynn Kiehl **PART-TIME** – Beverly Edwards, Judith Heitzman, Karen McKinney, Susan Peacock **PUBLIC HEALTH** – Raymond Austin **SPEED** – Nageshwar Bhaskar, James Graham

Also Attending -

Ex Officio: James Ramsey, Shirley Willihnganz, Hannelore Rader, Ahmed Awadallah
Others: Dale Billingsley, Connie Shumake, Diane Nichols, Brent Fryrear, Susan Duncan
Press: Janene Zaccone (*Inside U of L*)

Senators Not Registering Attendance -

LAW – Enid Trucios-Haynes **MEDICINE** – David Cunningham, Douglas Dean, Richard Downs, Ted Feldmann, Steven Nakajima, Jeannie Roberts, Wayne Zundel **NURSING** – Deborah Armstrong **PART-TIME** – John Baumann, Michael Losavio **PUBLIC HEALTH** – Jane Goldsmith **SPEED** – Hollace Cox, Ibrahim Imam

ACTION: Consideration of the Minutes

The minutes of the December 2008 meeting were approved as distributed.

REPORT : Student Government Association – Ahmed Awadallah

Mr. Awadallah reported that the SGA is working on having as many attendees at the Rally for Higher Education in Frankfort on February 3rd as possible. He said each student in attendance will receive a document as proof. Student presidents from other state institutions will come to Louisville this weekend to plan for the rally. The SGA continues working on the Ekstrom Library's 24/7 pilot program. He reported that the feedback has been very positive.

REPORT : Staff Senate – Virginia Brown

This report was available online.

INFORMATION ITEM: Summary of the CEHD Audit/Cotton & Allen reports – David Barker

Mr. Barker reported that the CEHD audit began in the fall and included financial data beyond the Felner grant issue. The report, which required 1400 hours to compile, was completed in November and was given to interim Dean Haselton. His response is due by the end of January. Mr. Barker gave an overview of the report's findings, which included contracts and subcontracts, conflict of interest, sponsored contracts' requirements, the payroll process, cash handling, accounts receivable and billing, procurement card usage, UBM training, and internal controls. The final report will most likely be made in mid-February. Mr. Barker continued with an update on the Cotton & Allen review of the internal controls on grants and contracts. He said the review was conducted by interviewing a number of people connected with grants and/ or contracts. He said two major concerns were revealed by the review. They are: 1.) UofL's policies and procedures are consistent with similar research institutions, but their application needs work, and 2.) future growth in grants and contracts could face issues due to infrastructure – citing UofL's huge growth in grants and the current lack of sufficient support staff. The recommendations resulting from the report are: improvement in reporting by principle investigators; improved conflict of interest reporting; restructuring the research grant program by placing the front and back office under the same administrative unit; improving the reporting process, including fixing the weaknesses in the PeopleSoft program; developing a standardized set of user-friendly reports; create a standard skill set for UBMs; and, tighten the procurement card system. Last month President Ramsey developed a task force that meets weekly to look at the recommendations and will report back in February. A brief discussion took place regarding compliance and the success of the anonymous compliance hotline.

ACTION ITEM: Second reading of the School of Music Policy Manual – Senator David Willis

Senator Willis said that the REDBOOK Committee had approved the document in November. There was no discussion and as the motion came from committee no second was needed. The motion to accept the School of Music Policy Manual passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Diabetes and Obesity Center – Senator Margo Smith

Senator Smith introduced Dr. Bhatnagar, the proposal's sponsor. The rationale for the center is that both conditions have greatly increased in Kentucky. Funding comes in the form of a seven million dollar grant. Though the initial focus will be research funding is underway for an outreach program. Several senators voiced their support for the center. The proposal passed both the Academic Programs and Planning and Budget committees. The vote was called and the proposal was passed unanimously.

REPORT : University Provost – Dr. Shirley Willihnganz

Provost Willihnganz began her report by announcing that Ms. Kimberly Maffet had been hired as the Interim Vice President for Human Resources. The search for a permanent replacement will begin in June. She also announced Beth Boehm as the new Associate Provost for Personnel, as well as the Associate Dean in the Graduate School. Further, Dennis Hall will take on duties similar to an ombudsman, to hear complaints from faculty and staff. The Provost feels very strongly that because of what happened in the College of Education, the UofL community needs this position. Regarding Ideas to Action, Ellen McFall is forming a task force to implement culminating experiences. Workshops are scheduled in May and many other things are happening with I2A and will be announced later. She has received reports from the Shared Governance, Grievance Process Review and Policies and Procedures committees and will give more information on those as she gets through them. The findings of these groups are similar

and the recommendations may be combined for efficiency. Asked about early retirement, Dr. Willihnganz said that letters should have been sent to all who qualify and that she will follow up on that issue. A brief discussion of critical thinking in the classroom campus took place. Dr. Billingsley said that a goal of the I2A initiative is to develop a common language for both faculty and students to more easily identify the process and implementation of critical thinking.

REPORT: University President – Dr. James Ramsey

President Ramsey reported that the new president of the Council on Post-secondary Education will start at the end of this week. He is not sure if this will change the way the CPE currently operates. The CPE is increasing tuition at both UK and UofL by 6% and other schools by 3%. This cripples our authority to establish our own tuition rates and undermines the long-standing model used by the CPE. The governor has created a work force to study funding and accessibility of higher education. Many of the recommendations coming out of that work force are from members who are not involved in education. The CPE issued a document on the affordability of state institutions. UofL was listed as high in the cost of attendance because we divulge all costs to attend. Other institutions do not include as much information as we do. Turning to the budget, the President said there is no more clarity on the situation. He said that a cigarette tax increase would only be a short term fix. The President gave various possibilities on where different budget cuts and tuition increases would put the University financially. The Provost has told the deans to hoard about 8%, though nothing for this year will be certain until April. Next year's situation is unknown as well. Dr. Ramsey has a budget group of faculty and chairs looking at ways to generate more income. Furloughs are a hot topic of conversation in both government and education. This option is something that will be studied in all aspects before it would be considered here. Other tuition options will be considered, such as differential tuition when programs costs vary. The per credit hour idea is dead for now. But many other ideas are still in the brainstorming stage and no final decisions have been made.

Committee Reports

Academic Programs Committee (APC)- As above and online
Committee on Committees and Credentials (CCC)- did not meet
Libraries Committee (FSCOL)- online
Part-time Faculty Committee (PTFC)-online
Planning & Budget Committee (P&B)- online
Redbook & Bylaws Committee (RB)- did not meet
Executive Committee (XC)- online

Other Reports

Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) - online
Human Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC) – online
Parking Advisory Committee (PAC) – online
Academic Technology Committee (ATC) – no report
University Librarian Report – online
Employee Assistance Program – did not meet
Bookstore – did not meet
COSFL – in Chair's report
COSW –online

Student Care Team – online

Chair's report – Melissa Laning

This report was available online.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Announcements

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

Gretchen Henry
Faculty Senate Secretary