

University of Louisville
Faculty Senate Meeting
November 4, 2009

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on November 4, 2009 at 3:00 P.M. in the Ekstrom Library, Chao Auditorium, Belknap Campus, Melissa Laning presiding.

Senators Registering Attendance

A&S – Annette Allen, Beth Bradley, Dennis Hall, Mary Makris, Cynthia Negrey, Joseph Steffen, Elaine Wise, Tamara Yohannes **CoB** – Rob Barker, Carrie Donald, Bruce Kemelgor **DENTISTRY** – Ricardo Caicedo, Donald DeMuth, Robert Staat, Dave Willis **EDUCATION** – Thaddeus Dumas, Diane Kyle, Anita Moorman, Kathleen Rudasil **KENT** – Sharon Bowland, Ruth Huber **LAW** – David Ensign, Kurt Metzmeier, Enid Trucios-Haynes **LIBRARIES** – Gail Gilbert, Melissa Laning, Margo Smith **MEDICINE** – Richard Downs, Pam Feldhoff, Lawrence Hunt, Steven Myers, Steven Nakajima, John Nyland, Jeannie Roberts **MUSIC** – Seow-Chin Ong **NURSING** – Diane Chlebowy, Peggy El-Mallakh, Ermalynn Kiehl **PART-TIME** – Brian Barnes, John Baumann, Judy Heitzman, Susan Peacock, Dana Seay **PUBLIC HEALTH** – Ray Austin **SPEED** – Nageshwar Bhaskar, Roger Bradshaw

Also Attending -

Ex Officio: Hannelore Rader, Michael Rolf
Others: Beth Boehm, Diane Nichols
Press: Brandy Warren (*Inside U of L*)

Senators Not Registering Attendance -

A&S – Jasmine Farrier, Elizabeth Grossi, Martin Klotz (sabbatical) **CoB** – Robert Myers **KENT** - Seana Golder **MEDICINE** – Forest Arnold, David Cunningham, Douglas Dean, Saeed Jortani, Brad Keller, Nobuyuki Kuwabara, Wayne Zundel **MUSIC** – Greg Byrne, Daniel Weeks **PART-TIME** – Karen McKinney **PUBLIC HEALTH** – Hollace Cox, James Graham (sabbatical)

ACTION: Consideration of the Minutes

The minutes of the October 7, 2009 meeting were approved as distributed.

REPORT: Student Government Association – Michael Rolf

Mr. Rolf reported on the project he has undertaken this year to create a centralized database on available scholarships, and other financial information for students to easily access. He also said the SGA is doing its version of the 2020 Plan. It hopes to canvass and survey 1000 students.

REPORT: Staff Senate – Virginia Brown

This report was online.

INFORMATION ITEM: Sustainability at UofL – Justin Mog

Chair Laning introduced Mr. Justin Mog, the Assistant to the Provost for Sustainability. He arrived on campus in mid-August. Mr. Mog said that the sustainability drive at UofL went into high gear when President Ramsey signed the President's Climate Control document in August 2008. He is making this presentation to all leaders at UofL because this is a group effort and will not succeed if he's the only one talking about it. He said this is not just a passing fancy but a long

term initiative across the country. He referred to the slide presentation in defining sustainability. Sustainability not only encompasses the social, economic and environmental areas of society, but links them to one another as well. He said that no two definitions are the same as its reach is always changing. He encouraged each individual and university department to think about what it means to them. He said that UofL was recently graded by the Sustainable Endowments Institute on its efforts and, along with Berea College, was given a B+. Though that was the highest rating for Kentucky, the University wants to do better. Another agency monitoring the sustainability efforts on higher education is the Sustainable Tracking and Rating Systems (STARS). It offers a voluntary, self-reporting framework for recognizing and gauging progress toward sustainability. The Partnership for Green City, between UofL, JCPS and Metro Government, has its director, Brent Fryrear located here on campus. And UofL joined the Association of University Leaders for a Sustainable Future last month. Dr. Mog said that UofL will be the laboratory we use to create a society to build a better world.

REPORT: University Provost – Dr. Beth Boehm

Associate Provost Boehm gave the Provost's report. She updated the Senate on several points.

- The search committee for the Education dean was charged and it decided to use a search firm.
- The RFP has been sent out and advertising will start soon. The search committee for the Vice President of Human Resources will meet on Monday to make a recommendation on the five candidates.
- The Five Year Review Committee for Vice President for Finance Mike Curtin is meeting tomorrow for the first time and the same committee reviewing Speed Dean Mickey Wilhelm has met three times.
- The ombudsman search committee is waiting for the selection of one more person.
- Dr. Boehm announced that Dean Hannelore Rader is retiring at the end of December and that search committee will form soon.
- The Compliance Oversight Council will present the Value Statement and Code of Conduct policy to the Board of Trustees on November 12th.
- The budget work groups are again looking to create a UBM group as a cost-saving measure.
- The Big Idea Group received over 1000 suggestions and Amber Carrier is heading a team to prioritize them.
- All units have Continuity of Instruction Plans in case of weather or health emergency. All instructors will have one for each course.
- By October 10th, UofL will receive \$15M in federal stimulus money, which does not include funds for financial aid.
- The faculty representative to the Academic Affairs Committee of the CPE is Dr. Aaron Thompson of Eastern Kentucky University.
- Most offices have returned to their buildings after the flood damage has been fixed.
- Flyers for information on H1N1 are available on the sign in table.
- *The Chronicle of Higher Education* recently printed an article on institutions that have had the biggest gains in research money and UofL was listed at #2, with a 190% increase.

- November 19th is the start date for the Smoke Out. There will be spaces available for smoking near dorms. This is a work in progress and will take time to work out all the details.
- The day before Thanksgiving will be holiday this year, as will be the day before Christmas. This is a onetime gift from the administration.

REPORT: University President – Dr. James Ramsey

This report was distributed online.

Committee Reports

Academic Programs Committee (APC) – This report was online.

Committee on Committees and Credentials (CCC) - This report was online.

Libraries Committee (FSCOL) - This report was online.

Part-time Faculty Committee (PTFC) - This report was online.

Planning & Budget Committee (P&B) - This report was online.

Redbook & Bylaws Committee (RB) - This report was online.

Executive Committee (XC) - This report was online. A discussion was held regarding the Executive Committee's report on chairs' requests for access to Blackboard. Senator's voiced various concerns and requested inviting Associate Provost Billingsley to address the Senate's concerns at the December meeting.

Other Reports

Academic Technology Committee (ATC) – A request was made to make the ATC report more easily accessible. The document posted on SharePoint was not clearly marked.

Bookstore Committee – This committee met, though Senator Hall has not received that report. One concern the committee is investigating is the issue of CDs that are included in new textbooks but then not usable when the textbooks are resold. He said that course descriptions and book orders should be tied together. He is hoping to meet with some chairs in A&S, CoB and Speed to discuss this issue.

Council of Senate Faculty Leadership (COSFL) – This group will meet in late November.

Commission on the Status of Women (COSW) – This report was online.

Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) - This report was online.

Human Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC) – This report was online. Senator Feldhoff reminded senators that registration for the Get Healthy Now program was open until November 13th.

Parking Advisory Committee (PAC) – This committee did not meet.

University Librarian Report – This report was online.

Chair's report – Melissa Laning

This report was online.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Announcements

The Faculty Senate will meet on Wednesday, December 2 at 3 p.m. in the Chao Auditorium in Ekstrom Library.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 P.M.

Gretchen Henry
Faculty Senate Secretary