University of Louisville
Faculty Senate Meeting
December 2, 2009

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on December 2, 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, Jasmine Farrier, Dennis Hall, Mary Makris, Cynthia Negrey, Joseph Steffen, Tamara Yohannes **CoB –** Rob Barker, Carrie Donald, Bruce Kemelgor, Robert Myers **DENTISTRY –** Ricardo Caicedo, Robert Staat, Dave Willis **EDUCATION** – Thaddeus Dumas, Anita Moorman **LAW –** David Ensign, Kurt Metzmeier **LIBRARIES –** Gail Gilbert, Melissa Laning, Margo Smith **MEDICINE –** Richard Downs, Lawrence Hunt, Brad Keller, Steven Myers, John Nyland **MUSIC –** Greg Byrne, Daniel Weeks **NURSING –** Diane Chlebowy, Peggy El-Mallakh, Ermalynn Kiehl **PART-TIME –** Brian Barnes, John Baumann, Karen McKinney, Susan Peacock **PUBLIC HEALTH –** Ray Austin **SPEED –** Nageshwar Bhaskar

Also Attending -

Ex Officio: James Ramsey, Hannelore Rader, Virginia Brown, Michael Rolf
Others: Beth Boehm, Dale Billingsley, Diane Nichols, Steven Bourassa, Mark Kasiello
Press: Brandy Warren (*Inside U of L*)

Senators Not Registering Attendance -

A&S – Elizabeth Grossi, Martin Klotz (sabbatical), Elaine Wise **DENTISTRY –** Don DeMuth **EDUCATION – Diane Kyle, Kathleen Rudasil KENT –** Sharon Bowland, Seana Golder, Ruth Huber **LAW –** Enid Trucios-Haynes **MEDICINE –** Forest Arnold, David Cunningham, Douglas Dean, Pamela Feldhoff, Saeed Jortani, Nobuyuki Kuwabara, Steven Nakajima, Jeanie Roberts, Wayne Zundel **MUSIC –** Seow-Chin Ong **PART-TIME –** Judy Heitzman, Dana Seay **PUBLIC HEALTH –** Ruth Carrico **SPEED –** Roger Bradshaw, Hollace Cox, James Graham (sabbatical)

ACTION: Consideration of the Minutes

The minutes of the November 4, 2009 meeting were approved as distributed.

REPORT: Student Government Association – Michael Rolf

Mr. Rolf reported that he is working with the Kaplan Course rep to UofL to offer students an additional day of free testing on the LSAT, MCAT and GMAT tests.

REPORT: Staff Senate – Virginia Brown

The Staff Senate is looking at restructuring its committees. The Staff Senate Executive Committee met with the Commission on the Status of Women Executive Committee to discuss ways they could work together. Senator Steffen reported that the Staff Senate had done well in its support of Atkinson Elementary School and would like the Faculty Senate participate as well. Ms. Brown said she would contact Tammy Lawson, UofL's liaison to this program, with this information.

ACTION ITEM: Graduate Certificate in Real Estate Development-Smith

The proposal for the graduate Certificate in real Estate Development was approved by the Academic Programs, Planning & Budget and the Libraries Committees. The rationale behind the proposal is that there is no academic program in the state for this. Nine of UofL's benchmarks

offer Master's Degrees in real estate and one business school offers it as a specialty. The proposal is designed around existing courses taught by current faculty. There is a community push for the program, as well. The program hopes to begin in the coming fall. It has received a $350,000 endowment from the Kentucky Housing Commission. The motion to approve the Graduate Certificate in Real Estate Development passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEM: Access to Blackboard – Billingsley

Chair Laning gave a background on the request for administrators' access to instructors' Blackboard accounts. Over the past several years, department administrators have requested access to various Blackboard course accounts. Dr. Billingsley came before the Senate to explain how this issue has come up several times and to seek the Senate's advice on how to handle it. A discussion was held explaining how information is put into Blackboard and who has authority to access or change that information. The Senate's opinion was that there were too few requests (2 over three years) to warrant a change to the current practice which is to review each request on a case-by-case basis. Senators were not in favor of adding administrators to each course on as a routine matter.

REPORT: University Provost – Dr. Dale Billingsley

Dr. Billingsley reported on current administrative searches. Advertisements and an RFP have been placed for the dean's position in the College of Education and Human Development. The search for the Vice President for Human Resources has produced three viable candidates for that position. The five year review for Dean Wilhelm of Speed School is underway and the review of Vice President for Finances, Mike Curtin, will begin soon. The Ombudsman search committee will be charged with its duties next week. Dean Hannelore Rader is retiring at the end of December. This is Dean Rader's last Faculty Senate meeting and Provost Willihnganz sent her appreciation for the work she has done at UofL. Graduation will take place on December 17th. The update on the flood is that most people have returned to their offices. ReStore UofL was a short-term program that assisted University employees with costs incurred by the flood. Dr. Billingsley thanked all those who helped with the H1N1 vaccinations given at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.

REPORT: University President – Dr. James Ramsey

President Ramsey gave his report with a Power Point presentation. He began with saying that higher education avoided serious cuts this fiscal year due to the federal bailout money. This one-time fix may not prevent the state from further cuts to higher education. On December 21st, the revenue forecasting group will revise its report and Dr. Ramsey hopes it doesn't go down. He said the next biennium will be difficult, but that the selection of UofL student, Monica Marks, as a Rhodes Scholar is a great reminder that it's all worth the effort. He plans on enjoying December because January is sure to be difficult. The new legislative session begins in January and as work begins on the state budget. President Ramsey is focused on planting seeds for the future: the development of Shelby Campus is moving forward; University Park Apartments (the old St. Joseph's Hospital on Eastern Parkway) may be developed with additional living quarters; clinical private practice plans will be restructured to help generate more income to support academic s; UofL Hospital needs to increase space to be more competitive to the paying customer and also to generate more income; UofL Hospital also needs to grow regionally; and,

even though fundraising has been at record levels for the past two years, the push going forward will be more intense than ever. Dr. Ramsey thanked Dean Rader for getting UofL into the prestigious Association of research Libraries and moving us up in rank from 123rd to 80th.

Committee Reports
Academic Programs Committee (APC) – This committee report was available online.
Committee on Committees and Credentials (CCC)- This committee report was available online.
Libraries Committee (FSCOL)- This committee report was available online.
Part-time Faculty Committee (PTFC)- This committee report was available online.
Planning & Budget Committee (P&B)- This committee did not meet.
Redbook & Bylaws Committee (RB)- This committee did not meet.
Executive Committee (XC)- This committee report was available online.

Other Reports
Academic Technology Committee (ATC) – This committee did not meet.
Bookstore Committee – This committee did not meet.
Council on Senate Faculty Leadership (COSFL) – Chair Laning said a growing concern in this group is the possibility of coordinating course numbers among state institutions and requiring automatic transfers.
Commission on the Status of Women (COSW) – This report was available online.
Dining Services Committee – No report was made.
Employee Assistance Program (EAP) – This committee did not meet.
Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) – This report was available online.
Human Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC) – This report was available online.
Parking Advisory Committee (PAC) – This report was available online.
Student Care Team – No report was made.
University Librarian Report – This report was available online.

Chair's report – Melissa Laning
Chair Laning's report was available online.

Old Business

New Business

Announcements
Interim VPHR Maffet reported that the survey of Great Places to Work is almost completed.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 P.M.

Gretchen Henry
Faculty Senate Secretary