University of Louisville
Faculty Senate Meeting
March 5, 2009

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on March 5, 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, 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 **KENT –** Ruth Huber, Dana Sullivan **LAW –** David Ensign, Kurt Metzmeier **LIBRARIES –** Gail Gilbert, Melissa Laning, Margo Smith **MEDICINE –** Forest Arnold, Richard Downs, Pam Feldhoff, Lawrence Hunt, Saeed Jortani, Nobuyuki Kuwabara, Steven Myers, Steven Nakajima, John Nyland, Jeannie Roberts **MUSIC –** Greg Byrne, Daniel Weeks, Seow-Chin Ong **NURSING –** Deborah Armstrong, Beth Bonham, Ermalynn Kiehl **PART-TIME –** Beverly Edwards, Judy Heitzman, Michael Losavio, Karen McKinney, Susan Peacock **PUBLIC HEALTH –** Raymond Austin, Jane Goldsmith **SPEED** – Nageshwar Bhaskar, Hollace Cox, James Graham

Also Attending -
Ex Officio: Shirley Willihnganz, Hannelore Rader,
Others: Dale Billingsley, Priscilla Hancock, Ahmed Awadallah, Virginia Brown, Susan Duncan
Press: Janene Zaccone (*Inside U of L*)

Senators Not Registering Attendance -
A&S – Susan Matarese, Cynthia Negrey, Ron Sahoo **EDUCATION –** Jeff Valentine **KENT –** Seana Golder **MEDICINE –** John Buchino, David Cunningham, Douglas Dean, Ted Feldmann, John Passmore, Wayne Zundel **PART-TIME –** John Baumann **SPEED –** Ibrahim Imam

ACTION: Consideration of the Minutes
The minutes of the February 4, 2009 meeting were approved as distributed.

REPORT : Student Government Association – Ahmed Awadallah
Mr. Awadallah reported that the next two meetings will be his last as the SGA rep to the Faculty Senate. SGA election results will be available tomorrow. He will introduce the new SGA Academic Vice President at the next Senate meeting. He thanked President Ramsey and Provost Willihnganz for making the tuition forums available to students so early in the process. He reported that the SGA participated in the annual Red and Black Banquet for student-athletes and their faculty mentors. He thanked the faculty for its support of student-athletes.

REPORT : Staff Senate – Virginia Brown
The Staff Senate report was online. Ms. Brown reminded senators that the Staff Senate will meet next month on HSC.

Chair Laning deviated from the agenda to allow VPIT Hancock to make her presentation.

PRESENTATION: Vice President for Information Technology - Hancock

Dr. Hancock showed a brief video on the new supercomputer that has been installed at UofL. It is located in the Miller Information Technology Center, where tours are available. It is the fastest academic machine in the state. The computer was chosen by researchers and will be administered by them, as well. IT is working with Tegrity, a cutting edge technology company that brings classroom lectures to the web for easy access for students. She also mentioned several new initiatives: iMovie student competition; Digital Studio Suite is now available; and, iTech Connect is now online to answer any tech questions. Taking questions from the floor, Dr. Hancock responded on a variety of subjects: she said that a priority of IT was to update shared spaces/classrooms and office computers are a unit expense; she is looking at a Tablet from Tegrity to start replacing overhead projectors; the supercomputer is available to all faculty when the personal computer is not enough; she will talk to Larry Owsley about the need for electrical outlets in classrooms to support laptops; Micro Soft Office software will be updated campus wide; Dr. Hancock assured senators using Tegrity that whatever they create will be available for thirty years; trying to change way of thinking of IT funding from end-of-year money to a commitment at the beginning of the year, noting that budget cuts inhibit habit changes; and, looking at extending HSC wireless service beyond the classroom. Dr. Hancock welcomed any comments or suggestions and invited senators to tour the super computer.

PRESENTATION: Interim Vice President for Human Resources - Maffet

Ms. Maffet came to UofL from Norton Healthcare. She is very excited about being here. Her number one priority is customer service. She has been assessing university policies and procedures and will begin streamlining them to ensure the best service. She is also working on the internal processes in HR. To be in compliance with federal regulations, she is working on employee payroll categories to be sure each is being taxed properly and receiving the correct benefits.

REPORT : University President/Provost – Dr. Shirley Willihnganz

Dr. Ramsey could not attend today's meeting. Both reports were made by Dr. Willihnganz. The Provost reported that there are two more weeks until the end of the legislative session in Frankfort. Two bills before the General Assembly are of particular interest to higher education. The bill on textbooks, which have come up as an issue on college affordability, urges professors to mindfully select textbooks and to note the slight differences in newer, and more expensive, editions. It also seeks to have books ordered earlier to give students a chance at buying used editions. The other bill focuses on transfer credits and remediation. Many students come to college under-prepared in writing and math skills. KCTCS has eased this situation with remedial classes. A bill was passed last year requiring all institutions of higher learning to offer the remedial classes in the first semester of the freshman year in college. Filling the gap between high school and college courses is an issue that is being studied across the state. Also, many students transfer between schools and are losing credits because not all courses taught at different schools are the same. Legislators are hearing from disgruntled constituents and are beginning to look into changing the current system. There will be more on this to come. The Provost then updated the Senate on the budget situation. She said that the Budget Committee meets weekly and, literally everything is different each week. UofL has been told to anticipate a 2% cut and that it will run into next year. The President's Stimulus Package will come to Kentucky and it includes an education piece of $555 million. She doesn't know who gets what

yet or what strings may be attached. She said rumors are running rampant. Alicia Sells will be the UofL point person on this stimulus money. Dr. Willihnganz then briefly spoke about the neurosurgery issue with Norton Healthcare. The exodus of the neurosurgery team is a blow to the medical school resident program, University Hospital Level I Trauma Center designation, and the community. The Provost said that the CPE is voting tomorrow on tuition increase caps. She thinks that UofL/UK will be capped at a 5% increase, the other state schools will have a cap of 4% and KCTCS will have a 3% cap. She said it is difficult to move forward with a new program if it will not generate revenue. She sought suggestions and input from senators.

Committee Reports

Academic Programs Committee (APC) - This report was available online**.**
Committee on Committees and Credentials (CCC) - This report was available online.
Libraries Committee (FSCOL) – This report was sent too late to post.
Part-time Faculty Committee (PTFC) - This report was available online.

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

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

Executive Committee (XC) - This report was available online.

Other Reports

Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) - This report was available online.
Human Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC) –
Parking Advisory Committee (PAC) – This report was available online.
Academic Technology Committee (ATC) – This report was available online.
University Librarian Report –
Employee Assistance Program (EAP) – No news to report.
Bookstore Committee – This report will be sent later. Senator Hall added that used book sales are up and that early textbook adoption dates really help students. Also, course description postings should include the book title and edition.
COSW- This report was available online.
Student Care Team – Senator Sullivan reported that training in suicide prevention is available to faculty. It is a non-clinical intervention for those working with students. It is titled *QPR – Question, Prepare, Respond*. She is interested in taking the training to units.

Chair's report – Melissa Laning

This report was available online.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Announcements
None

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

Gretchen Henry
Faculty Senate Secretary