

University of Louisville  
Faculty Senate Meeting  
June 3, 2009

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on June 3, 2009 at 3:00 P.M. in the Dental School, Room 126, HSC Campus, Melissa Laning presiding.

**Senators Registering Attendance**

**A&S** – Beth Boehm, Martin Klotz, Mary Makris **CoB** – Robert Myers **DENTISTRY** – Ricardo Caicedo, Donald DeMuth, Robert Staat, Dave Willis **EDUCATION** – Thaddeus Dumas, Diane Kyle, William Weinberg **LAW** – David Ensign **LIBRARIES** – Melissa Laning, Margo Smith **MEDICINE** – Forest Arnold, John Buchino, Richard Downs, Pamela Feldhoff, Lawrence Hunt, Nobuyuki Kuwabara, Steven Myers, John Nyland, John Passmore, Jeannie Roberts **NURSING** – Peggy El-Mallakh **PART-TIME** – Susan Peacock **PUBLIC HEALTH** – Ray Austin, Jane Goldsmith **SPEED** – Naira Campbell

**Also Attending** -

Ex Officio: Shirley Willihnganz, Michael Rolf  
Others: Dale Billingsley,  
Press: Janene Zaccone (*Inside U of L*)

**Senators Not Registering Attendance** -

**A&S** – Dewey Clayton, Dennis Hall, Susan Matarese, Cynthia Negrey, Ron Sahoo, Elaine Wise, Tamara Yohannes **CoB** – Rob Barker, Carrie Donald, Bruce Kemelgor **EDUCATION** – Jeff Valentine **KENT** – Seana Golder, Ruth Huber, Dana Sullivan **LAW** – Kurt Metzmeier **LIBRARIES** – Gail Gilbert **MEDICINE** – David Cunningham, Douglas Dean, Saeed Jortani, Steven Nakajima, Wayne Zundel **MUSIC** – Greg Byrne, Daniel Weeks, Seow-Chin Ong **NURSING** – Deborah Armstrong, Beth Bonham, Ermalynn Kiehl **PART-TIME** – John Baumann, Judy Heitzman, Michael Losavio, Karen McKinney **SPEED** – Nageshwar Bhaskar, Hollace Cox, James Graham, Ibrahim Imam

**ACTION: Consideration of the Minutes**

The minutes of the May 2009 meeting were approved as distributed.

**REPORT : Student Government Association – Michael Rolf**

Mr. Rolf introduced himself to the Senate. He has spent a great deal of his time assisting with Student Orientation. He also met with Brenda Hart, the Student Grievance Officer and discussed student academic grievance issues. His two major concerns and focus of his work on the SGA are having grades posted on Blackboard and advising. The Blackboard issue concerns students and faculty

and the advising concerns students and staff. He said he looks forward to working with the Faculty Senate in the coming academic year.

**REPORT : Staff Senate – Virginia Brown**

This report was available online.

**SPECIAL ELECTION: To fill remaining vacancies – Ensign**

Senator Ensign, as a member of the Committee on Committees and Credentials reported that there was a tie vote last month on the Part-time Faculty Committee between Dylan Naeger and Jasmine Farrier. Ms. Farrier removed herself from the run off ballot resulting in Mr. Naeger's election to the committee. The Senate had no questions. Then, Senator Ensign said there was a vacancy for the spring 2010 semester for the Student Government representative. Senator Margo Smith (Libraries) agreed to serve. There were no further nominations from the floor. Senator Smith was elected by acclamation. A seat was also vacant on the Parking Appeals committee. Senator Elizabeth Grossi agreed to run. There were no nominations from the floor. Senator Grossi won by acclamation.

**ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve certificate programs - Smith**

Senator Margo Smith presented two certificate programs to the Senate. The first certificate presented was in Asian Studies. Senator Smith gave a brief background on the certificate. It was created to address the demand generated by commercial trading in Asian markets. All courses and faculty are already in place. The certificate comes as both a stand alone program or in conjunction with Master's or PhD degree work. Senator Smith noted that there are twenty institutions offering this program, with three being our benchmarks. With very little discussion, mainly centered on the level of courses offered, the motion to accept the Certificate in Asian Studies passed unanimously.

The second certificate program, in Public History, has much local interest, as well as throughout the country. One hundred institutions offer this program, including four of our benchmarks. The genesis for this certificate comes from the local interest created through the Arts and Culture Partnership that began in 2007. Eleven of the courses are at the graduate level and are already in place. Provost Willihnganz added that two conferences are coming to Louisville in the fall; Public History and Oral History. Both of these conferences have active membership. Dean Hudson commented that there is a very developed interest in local history as well as cultural tourism. With little discussion the motion to accept the Certificate in Public History passed unanimously.

**FIRST READING: Kent School bylaws - Willis**

Chair Laning reported that the Faculty Senate now has a new role regarding unit bylaws. The REDBOOK Committee will now review changes to unit bylaws as well

as unit personnel documents. As with the personnel documents, the bylaw revisions will be posted on Docushare and have a first and second reading. The first reading will be for information only and the second reading will allow discussion and a vote. Senator Willis said that this would serve as the first reading for the Kent School bylaws revision. They are posted on Docushare for discussion next month.

### **REPORT : University Provost – Dr. Shirley Willihnganz**

President Ramsey was meeting with the CPE today in Frankfort and was unable to attend this meeting. Provost Willihnganz reported that there was not much news from Frankfort right now. But the University is bracing for no improvements for the next fiscal year. The Board of Trustees will approve UofL's budget at tomorrow's meeting. Faced with the prospect of a 4.7% state budget cut, the University still is not considering cutting across the board. If the cut exceeds 4.7%, which is doubtful as that is the limit allowed for the state to qualify for federal stimulus funds, then measures will be taken to make it work. Work is being finalized on the new Scorecard. Goals for 2014 to 2020 aren't as difficult to make as are next year's. Next year is hard to plan for because of the budgetary unknowns. She has asked the vice presidents and deans to think about 2-5 things they think are the most critical to achieve. She believes the graduation rate, PhD degrees and research funding must increase to move UofL closer to becoming a premier metropolitan research institution. Dr. Willihnganz commented that the PhD goal is the biggest challenge as funding is hard for graduate students. She is working with Development to create money streams which will help in the future. She will release information as it becomes finalized. The Scorecard goals will become the basis for evaluations, which will hold people accountable. This is being developed over the summer and will be ready in August. Moving on to administrative search updates, the Provost reported that the search for a Vice President Human Resources is ongoing and she expects it to be completed by the early fall. The search for a dean for the College of Education will commence in the early fall. Ideas2Action is moving forward. Recently, 130 people met for three days to brainstorm. The I2A facilitators will meet with the deans this summer to get this implemented. The Provost said she is very encouraged with what is happening with I2A. Moving on, conflict of interest policy documents were sent to the Faculty Senate's Executive Committee for review and input. The policies are not available in a centrally located, easy to find place. Therefore, a secure web site is being developed to house these documents. Faculty will also be required to sign off on the documents once a year. She reported that the reports from the ad hoc committees stemming from the Felner investigation last summer are in. The recommendations are being reconstructed by function areas so as to not duplicate processes. The final recommendations will be ready soon. Dr. Willihnganz reported that there are stimulus teams working on understanding the programs and its requirements.

UofL is applying for everything that may possibly be available. Ms. Kim Maffet, Interim VPHR, was asked to briefly talk about healthcare costs and the Get Healthy Now program. She will forward the data that shows the program's success. Ms. Maffet is also looking at other programs that will help the University's insured to get and/or stay healthy. The Provost said she is looking at ways to prevent and manage healthcare costs. Topics that were briefly discussed included public relations, commencement ceremonies, and signage.

### **Committee Reports**

**Academic Programs Committee (APC)** - This committee did not meet.  
**Committee on Committees and Credentials (CCC)** - As above (election)  
**Libraries Committee (FSCOL)** - No report was made.  
**Part-time Faculty Committee (PTFC)** - This report was available online.  
**Planning & Budget Committee (P&B)** - No report was made.  
**Redbook & Bylaws Committee (RB)** – As above (Kent School bylaws)  
**Executive Committee (XC)** – This report was available online.

### **Other Reports**

**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  
**Academic Technology Committee (ATC)** – No report was made.  
**University Librarian Report** – No report was made.  
**Employee Assistance Program (EAP)** – This committee did not meet.  
**COSW** – This report was available online  
**Student Care Team** - This report was available 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 4:15 P.M.

Gretchen Henry  
Faculty Senate Secretary