

University of Louisville
Faculty Senate Meeting
July 1, 2009

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on July 1, 2009 at 3:00 P.M. in the Ekstrom Library, Chao Auditorium, Belknap Campus, Melissa Laning presiding.

Senators Registering Attendance

A&S – Martin Klotz, Mary Makris, Cynthia Negrey, Joseph Steffen, Elaine Wise **CoB** – Rob Barker, Carrie Donald, Bruce Kemelgor, Robert Myers **DENTISTRY** – Ricardo Caicedo, Donald DeMuth, Robert Staat **EDUCATION** – William Weinberg, Jeff Valentine **KENT** – Seana Golder, Ruth Huber, Dana Sullivan **LAW** – David Ensign, Kurt Metzmeier **LIBRARIES** – Melissa Laning, Margo Smith **MEDICINE** – Forest Arnold, Richard Downs, Lawrence Hunt, Saeed Jortani, Nobuyuki, Kuwabara, Steven Myers, Steven Nakajima, John Nyland, Jeannie Roberts **MUSIC** – Greg Byrne, Daniel Weeks **NURSING** – Peggy El-Mallakh, Ermalynn Kiehl **PART-TIME** – Judy Heitzman, Michael Losavio, Karen McKinney, Susan Peacock, Brian Barnes **PUBLIC HEALTH** – Ray Austin **SPEED** – Nageshwar Bhaskar, James Graham

Also Attending -

Ex Officio: James Ramsey, Shirley Willihnganz, Hannelore Rader, Virginia Brown, Michael Rolf

Others: Beth Boehm, Diane Nichols, Susan Duncan, Wendy Pfeffer

Press: Janene Zaccone (*Inside U of L*)

Senators Not Registering Attendance -

A&S – Dennis Hall, Tamara Yohannes **DENTISTRY** – Dave Willis **EDUCATION** – Thaddeus Dumas, Diane Kyle **LAW** – Enid Trucios-Haynes **MEDICINE** – John Buchino, David Cunningham, Pamela Feldhoff, Ted Feldmann, Wayne Zundel **MUSIC** – Seow-Chin Ong **NURSING** – Beth Bonham **PART-TIME** – John Baumann **PUBLIC HEALTH** – Jane Goldsmith **SPEED** – Hollace Cox

ACTION: Consideration of the Minutes

The minutes of the June 3, 2009 meeting were approved as distributed.

REPORT: Student Government Association – Michael Rolf

Mr. Rolf reported that he has met with the Provost and finalized his goals for the year. His main focus this year will be to promote academic excellence across the campus.

REPORT: Staff Senate – Virginia Brown

This report was available online.

ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve the PhD in Applied Sociology – Smith

Senator Smith gave a brief background and description for this proposed program. She reported that the only other program in the country is at Baylor University. The UofL program is unique because it has an internship component that will be coordinated by agencies related to each candidate's focus of study. It is a 62 hour program of study with only two new courses needed to be developed. Its budget is supported by Arts and Sciences as well as a distance education tuition stream. After a few clarifications, the proposal passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve Kent School Bylaws – Laning

Senator Larry Hunt told the Senate that the changes made to the Kent School bylaws were minor. With no discussion, the revised Kent School bylaws passed unanimously.

REPORT : University Provost – Dr. Shirley Willihnganz

The Provost began by thanking the Faculty Senate for its work over the past academic year. She said it had been a difficult year, and that what has needed to be fixed is being fixed. All the reports are in and are being prioritized. There is an ad hoc committee studying how to implement all the necessary changes. Dr. Willihnganz reported that the situation with Norton's and UofL neurosurgeons has taken much of her time and effort. She went on to say that many good things have happened over the last year, as well. The graduation rate increased, as well as the number of bachelor degrees awarded. Many large research grants have come to the University and our athletic teams are doing well academically. The freshman class is smaller than last year's but we have maintained the high quality of the students we are admitting. No salary increases will be given this year, but \$700 will be added to everyone's base pay. She said the permanent cut this year will be 2% and not the expected 2.7%. The Provost said that results from the pilot projects for Ideas to Action are coming in. She is also undertaking the organization of all the University's policies and procedures. They are not centrally located and therefore not easily found. Beginning with the conflict of interest policies, all policies will be reviewed. Later in July, all the recommendations will be considered and the end product will make the policies more accessible. The Provost briefly spoke about the Sustainability Council and the University's efforts to become more energy efficient; the organization of copyright rules; and the six teams combing the federal stimulus program for areas that would benefit UofL.

REPORT: University President – Dr. James Ramsey

President Ramsey began his report with an update on Frankfort. In June, Governor Beshear reported that the budget shortfall has risen to \$996 million in an \$8 billion budget. He said the governor planned to adjust the budget in June's special session by cutting \$200 million from state agencies and restructuring the budget to get \$100 million from five days of furlough and the collection of corporate taxes. The General Assembly adopted the budget, except the furlough days. The bill that would have allowed slots at Kentucky horse racing tracks was defeated in the Senate. The governor's revised economic forecast for 2011/2012 showed a moderate increase in revenue, though the federal outlook says recovery may not be seen until fiscal 2013. President Ramsey reported that changes in technology transfer that were suggested last year by Dave Barker are yet to be made but have become a very high priority. He will over the reports and make sure it is addressed correctly. President Ramsey is interested in creating an Office of Economic Development headed by a vice president. He will discuss these organizational issues at the Board of Trustees retreat at the end of July. He spoke about fundraising and how this year ended with an increase over last year's record-setting amount. He gave a brief description of this fall's state of the university events; Provost Willihnganz will be the speaker; honorary degrees will be given to former Governor Paul Patton and Mr. Hank Wagner. Also, plans are underway to honor former University President John Shumaker in late November. Dr. Ramsey will consider the Faculty Senate's Executive Committee's recommendations from last year that included a symposium, a portrait, and the naming of a

building. President Ramsey then briefly addressed the Norton's and neurosurgery issue by saying that the residency program has been reaccredited, a good new team is in place and the search for a permanent department chair is underway. Our neurosurgeons cover Baptist East, Jewish, Sts. Mary and Elizabeth's and University hospitals. He spoke briefly about his contract, which ends in 2012. The Board of Trustees have expressed an interest in extending his contract. If he does extend his contract it would to see that some of his projects are completed.

Committee Reports

Academic Programs Committee (APC)- This committee did not meet.

Committee on Committees and Credentials (CCC)- This committee did not meet. Will begin work on the New Senator Orientation.

Libraries Committee (FSCOL)- This committee did not meet.

Part-time Faculty Committee (PTFC)- This committee did not meet.

Planning & Budget Committee (P&B)- This committee did not meet.

Redbook & Bylaws Committee (RB)- As above.

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

Other Reports

Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) – This report was available online.

Human Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC) – No report was made.

Parking Advisory Committee (PAC) – No report was made.

Academic Technology Committee (ATC) – This committee meets again in September.

University Librarian Report – This committee was available online.

Employees Assistance program (EAP) – This committee did not meet.

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

Student Care Team – This report was available online. Senator Sullivan thanked the Provost for her help in creating the Students in Distress folders and thanked the Senate. She is leaving the University for another position.

Chair's report – Melissa Laning

This report was available online.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Announcements

There is no Faculty Senate meeting in August. The next meeting is September 2, 2009.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

Gretchen Henry
Faculty Senate Secretary