University of Louisville

Faculty Senate Meeting January 9, 2013

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on January 9, 2013 at 3:00 P.M. in the Chao Auditorium in the Ekstrom Library, on Belknap Campus, Joseph Steffen presiding.

Senators Registering Attendance

A&S –Annette Allen, David Brown, Jasmine Farrier, Dawn Heinecken, Mary Makris, John McLeod, Ron Sahoo, David Simpson, Joseph Steffen, Wendy Yoder **CoB** –Bruce Kemelgor, Robert Myers **DENTISTRY** – Ricardo Caicedo, Robert Staat, Dave Willis **EDUCATION** –Roger Buskill, Tom Simmons **KENT** –Martin Hall **LAW** – David Ensign, Kurt Metzmeier **LIBRARIES** –Terri Holtze, Margo Smith **MEDICINE** –Pamela Feldhoff, Lawrence Hunt, Sham Kakar, Nobuyuki Kuwabara **MUSIC** – Ansyn Banks, Dror Biran, Krista Wallace-Boaz **NURSING** – Valerie McCarthy, Karen Singleton **PART-TIME** – John Ritz, Joe Gutmann, Rose Mills, Susan Peacock **PUBLIC HEALTH** –Ray Austin, Scott LaJoie

Also Attending -

Ex Officio: James Ramsey, Shirley Willihnganz, Carrie Mattingly

Others: Tracy Eells, Dana Mayton, Gretchen Henry, recording secretary

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

Senators Not Registering Attendance -

A&S – Elaine Wise **CoB** – Robert Barker, Ben Foster **DENTISTRY** – Don Demuth **EDUCATION** – Marion Hambrick, Daya Sandhu **KENT** – Sharon Bowland, Wanda Lott Collins **LAW**- Enid Trucios-Haynes **LIBRARIES** – Gail Gilbert **MEDICINE** – Forest Arnold, Richard Downs, Saeed Jortani, Brad Keller, Steven Myers, Steven Nakajima, Jeannie Roberts **NURSING**- Diane Chlebowy **PART-TIME** – Laneshia McCord, Michael Wade **SPEED** – Suraj Alexander, Bruce Alphenaar, Nageshwar Bhaskar, Roger Bradshaw

ACTION: Consideration of the Minutes

The minutes of the December 5, 2012 meeting were approved as distributed.

INFORMATION ITEM: Celebration of Teaching and Learning - Brown

Marie Brown, from the Delphi Center, made a brief presentation to the Senate today about an event the Center is hosting titled Teaching in Harmony with the Brain. It is an all day professional development program held on Shelby Campus on February 8th. A full breadth of presentations will be offered that day, as well as the day before on Belknap and HSC campuses. A handout was available.

REPORT: Staff Senate – Ginger Brown

No report was made.

REPORT: University President – Dr. James Ramsey

President Ramsey began his report by saying he had been asked by Senate Chair Steffen if the Senate could help with any legislative issues. Dr. Ramsey brought Ms. Dana Mayton, Senior

Associate Vice President for Government Relations, to give an overview of the legislative process and how senators could be helpful. Ms. Mayton's team looks at each legislative bill that is filed for potential impact on any area of the University community. Each Monday morning, bills are discussed with the Provost and they decide which ones to focus on. She invited senators to feel free to contact her about any bills that have been filed. Several bills that could have an effect on the University include: public pension reform; tax reform, gaming, redistricting; and, several other random bills. After this short session, work will begin on next year's budget session. Ms. Mayton will come before the Senate again when it's time to push for funding to increase classrooms. She said input from faculty will carry a lot of weight with legislators. Of the sixteen legislative leaders, four are UofL graduates.

REPORT: University Provost – Dr. Shirley Willihnganz

The Provost gave an update on administrative searches: and offer has been made to a candidate for Public Health dean; on January 18th, she is meeting with the College of Business candidate; the search committee for the School of Medicine has been charged; and, in 2014 searches will begin for Law, Education and A&S. The review for the Dean of the School of Nursing came back positive. Regarding the 21st Century Initiative, most of the SWOT questionnaires are in and information up to this point will be presented to the Board of Trustees. Forums will be held this month on each campus that will address any outstanding questions or concerns. After we assess where we are, then later this semester we will work together to decide where we want the University to go, how we want it to look in the future. This next phase will be interesting because we have no idea where it will lead us. She is meeting with President Ramsey on Monday to present the committees she has created. She may then need to form some unit groups to garner information. She said the enrollment projection was off a bit, but less than other schools.

REPORT: Student Government Association – Carrie Mattingly

Ms. Mattingly reported that the SGA sponsored 100 students to the Sugar Bowl for \$190, which included travel, room and game ticket. The next step in her efforts on the A+ grading system is to get on the agenda for the faculty assembly meetings in the units.

ACTION ITEM: Plastic Bottle Fee Request - Steffen

This request comes from Provost Willihnganz. She said this proposal came from the Sustainability Council and that she is not presenting the idea, merely asking the Senate for advice. After a very brief discussion of possibilities and logistics, the Senate gave Provost Willihnganz its positive response to the proposal.

REPORT: Standing Committees

Academic Programs Committee (APC)/ Demuth- This report was online.

Committee on Committees and Credentials (CCC)/Sahoo-This committee did not meet.

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

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

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

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

Executive Committee (XC)/Feldhoff- This report was online.

<u>REPORT: University-Wide Committees – Available Online</u>

REPORT: Faculty Senate Chair - Joseph Steffen

- Chair Steffen reported that he had modified the SWOT questionnaire to address the summer session issue. He sent it out to A&S faculty and received a 20% response, which will go to Exelcor to put the data together. He will report back to the Senate in February. He wants to make sure the students are interested in this before he takes it forward. He is also working on a Student SWOT questionnaire.
- He has been asked for names of HSC senators who would be interested in serving on the Classified Research Committee. This committee will consider opportunities in classified research. He sent an email to HSC senators but has not received any response. He will stay after the meeting if anyone would like to discuss this service opportunity.
- There has been a lot of very good work with students to ensure their achieving Fullbright status. But, there has not been much effort to ensure the same for faculty. He would like to measure if there is any interest to do this for faculty. He asked if there was any interest in building the infrastructure for faculty awards. Provost Willihnganz said that it may be a question of tracking information and this may be happening, but we don't know it. Chair Steffen encouraged senators interested in this to contact Dr. Tracy Eells in the Provost's office.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Announcements

- Chair Steffen reminded senators that the annual election is coming in May. Senators
 whose unit term is expiring should contact their chair if they would like to seek
 reelection. He also reminded senators in their second year are required by the Senate
 bylaws to run for a committee seat.
- The Faculty Senate will meet again on February 6, 2013 at 3 p.m. in the Chao Auditorium.

<u>Adjournment</u>

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

Respectfully submitted,

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