

Chair's Report
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Strategic Planning: The three workgroups are active and moving forward. I am serving on the Executive Committee, which oversees the workgroups. Our most recent meeting involved reports from each work group identifying themes that had emerged in their first meetings as well as a discussion about the most effective way to use the funds from the Gheens Foundation gift.

Tuition and Fees: The committee is meeting on an accelerated pace to complete all charges by our deadline. We have reviewed, or have scheduled reviews, for 22 different requests. Most of those are very specific to course offerings. Each request is deeply vetted. Only three would be across the board fees for all students and current cumulative total for those is actually less than another current across the board fee that is ending. Recommendations from this group go to the Provost for approval.

Security: The funds for the expanded security for the Health Science Campus will run out in early April. Chief Lewis hopes very much to find a way to continue the increased number of officers on duty given the response to that has been overwhelmingly positive.

Chick Fil A: Chick Fil A and the University are ready to go on the new location on the Health Science Campus. We are waiting for required permits from the State of Kentucky. The office that handles those has encountered a number of layoffs and is very short staffed. We anticipated those would take around six weeks so we are hopefully just a couple of weeks from seeing some things actually start to happen. The renovation will be about a 12 week process once the required permits are in hand.

HSC Meetings: Krista Wallace Boaz, Faculty Senate Chair, Jonathan Fuller, SGA President and I are starting a new initiative of being on the Health Science Campus on day per month for lunch. We had our first one on February 18. Our next one is scheduled for Monday, March 18. The meeting will be at noon and we are looking for a location in the Quad area of that campus. Our last one was in the CTR Building which seems to be more of a destination space. Most people on that

campus are only available during lunch and have a very specific lunchtime allotted. Being in the Quad would make it much easier for people to come see us.

Red Book Review: The Red Book review process is just beginning. The Red Book affects all of us and its' review will be an important process.

Dr. Bendapudi Meeting: Dr Bendapudi meets with Krista Wallace-Boaz, myself and Jonathan Fuller once a month to discuss anything on our agenda. This month we talked about the strategic planning process, parking proposal, and the HR salary website. The salary web site will be restored. There were a number of inaccuracies found and Dr. Bendapudi wants it to be accurate when it is posted. She has tasked a group to review that information.

Board of Trustees: Our next meeting is Thursday, March 14. We have not met since our last Senate meeting.

Foundation Board of Directors: We had a presentation by Amanda Agati, PNC's top investment person regarding anticipated trends in the stock market and what that might mean for setting the "spend" on Foundation investments. She expects the markets to see about a 5 or 6% growth in the coming year so "spends" may not be able to be as aggressive as in the past.

List of Meetings I have attended:

Monday, February 11, Staff Senate Regular Meeting, 2:00, Chao Auditorium

Thursday, February 14, Social Media, 10:00 AM, SAC

Thursday, February 14, Tuition and Fees Meeting, 2:00, SAC W118

Monday, February 18, Senate Leadership Meeting, 9:00, MITC

Monday, February 18, Senate Constituency for HSC, Noon Lunch meeting

Monday, February 18, Six year Capital Planning, 1:00 SAC W303

Tuesday, February 19, New Senator Orientation, SAC Noon

Wednesday, February 20, New Senator Orientation, HSC Noon

Monday, February 25, Tuition and Fees Committee, 10:00 AM SAC W118

Monday, February 25, Staff Senate Executive Committee Meeting, 3:00, CTR Building

Thursday, February 28, Dr. Bendapudi, 2:00 – 2:30, Grawmeyer Hall

Monday, March 4, Senate Leadership Meeting, 9:00 AM, MITC

Monday, March 4, Mark Watkins Meeting, 1:00 Grawmeyer

Tuesday, March 5, Strategic Planning Executive Committee, 1:30, Jefferson Room

Thursday, March 7, Tuition and Fees, 2:00 TBD

Monday, March 11, Redbook Review, 10:00 AM, Shumaker 228

Monday, March 11, Staff Senate Regular Meeting, 2:00, HSC CTR Building