

MINUTES
AGENDA FOR A&S FACULTY ASSEMBLY
February 25, 2022
Virtual Meeting by Microsoft Teams, 2:00-3:15 PM

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Professor Ann Hall called the Assembly to order on Teams at 2:00pm. Voting was conducted by Teams, thanks to Jason Sievers.

- I. Announcements and approval of A&S Faculty Assembly Meeting Minutes from 28 January 2022 (<http://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/faculty-staff/faculty-assembly/minutes>) (5 minutes)

Minutes were approved.

- II. Vice-President for Finance and Administration/Chief Financial Officer Dan Durbin Visit (25 minutes)

Dan Durbin presented the budget report:

(<https://louisville.edu/finance/budget/opuds/2122/opbudbook2022>)

Although the general fund is behind last year by \$5.4 million, there is no reason to panic. We ended last year up by \$4.3 million.

\$3.8 million of general funding was replaced by \$5.8 million of CARES funding.

We spent half of CARES funding on students. It was also used to pay for COVID testing \$2.3 million was applied to lost tuition.

Auxiliary revenue from housing, dining, parking, and motor pool was also impacted.

Athletics transferred \$600,000 to UofL for utilities.

UofL Athletics ‘pays’ their students through tuition; 10% of total tuition is from Athletics.

Q: Why so panicked?

A: This year’s budget (\$6 million) was based on some enrolment estimates which didn’t come through.

Salaries account for half of the FY22 Full & General Fund Budget, and half of that are fringe benefits. State revenue is fixed.

Q: How does enrolment look compared to true bench-mark universities (R1s, publics)

A: Undergraduate enrollment is up by 381. Graduate enrollment is up too. And Foundation dollars are also up: AS \$7 million.

The 2018 budget model was unanimously accepted by all the Deans and Jim Begany. Additional discussion, questions, concerns appear in the Teams chat.

- III. Dean David Owen Reports (10 minutes)

March paychecks will reflect new sums.

AS Strategic Planning Committee was Charged:

- Avery Kolers – College elected faculty member
- Natalie Polzer – College elected faculty member
- Glynis Ridley – College elected faculty member
- Aaron Rollins – College elected faculty member
- David Schultz – College elected faculty member
- Matthew Church – College elected staff member

- Danielle Dolan – College elected staff member
- Craig Grapperhaus – Dean appointed faculty member
- Latricia Best – Dean appointed faculty member
- Edna Ross – Dean appointed faculty member
- Juli Wagner – Dean appointed staff member
- Brandon McCormack – Provost appointed faculty member
- Karen Freberg – Provost appointed faculty member
- Ann Hall – Provost appointed faculty member
- Rick Graycarek – Provost appointed staff member
- David Owen – Ex officio member
- Douglas Craddock – Ex officio member
- Sarah Lopez – Ex officio member
- Ian Norris – Ex officio member

Dual credit hours show a shortfall of 11.

Expenses running ahead of budget: Reign in expenses and/or beef-up enrollment.

A&S will soon have someone doing the website again.

A deficit of \$4.6 million is now predicted.

We need to continue working to improve retention rates

Q: What is enrollment based on?

A: Enrollments not tied to pre-COVID figures/estimates, but actual enrollment

IV. Committee on Committees Proposal (10 minutes) (Michael Hagan)

Due to increased difficulty in getting individuals to review A&S award proposals, the Dean has asked the Committee on Committees to create a standing A&S Awards Committee beginning next year. Each member would serve a two-year term and the committee would consist of two representatives from each division as well as a staff representative (Staff Association would select its representative). During the first election cycle, one member of each division would be elected for a two-year term and the other for a one-year term, so that some members would continue in subsequent years (i.e., not all would rotate off simultaneously).

Simona Bertacco, Sherri Wallace, and Edna Ross point out that we have three units that compete against each other, and that distinguished teaching in the Humanities different from distinguished teaching in the natural and social sciences. There is much support around this.

Ultimately, the idea of setting up an Awards Committee is dismissed as an anomaly of this year, because of the difficulty in finding people to serve on it.

V. Proposals from The Curriculum Committee (Paul Himes, Chair) (10 minutes)

The motion to suspend the MA in Digital Politics (see documentation circulated with agenda) was approved, although with numerous abstentions:

Approved 56 (83%)/1 (1%)/Abstain 10 (14%)

Tricia Gray clarified that this motion was brought only because of having lost two key faculty members who were not replaced. Discussion over ongoing loss of graduate programs and its negative impact on Research status ensued.

- VI. Proposal to create An A&S Faculty Mobilization and Communication Platform (beyond Faculty Assembly Meetings) to facilitate efficient planning and response to higher administration initiatives. (Natalie Polzer) (5 minutes)

Natalie Polzer and Nancy Theriot pointed to the two crises we have already had since January as the reason for needing such a platform.

Susan Ryan pointed out that we already have an A&S Faculty listserv.

- VII. The following standing committees presented brief reports. Notably, Eugene Miller announced that mandatory COVID testing was ready to be suspended.
- A&S Faculty Senators—David Schultz (Chair), Simona Bertacco, Michael Cunningham, Linda Fuselier, Ann C. Hall (at-large), Karen Hadley, Eugene Mueller, Natalie Polzer, Christopher Tillquist, Sherri Wallace, Gerry Williger) (5 minutes):.
 - W3 Committee Report (Michael Cunningham, Natalie Polzer) (5 minutes)
 - Academic Discipline and Student Grievance (Gerry Williger, PHYS)
 - Admissions and Appeals (Thomas Mackey, HIST)
 - Committee on Committees (Mike Hagan, HUM)
 - Curriculum and Standards Committee (Paul Himes BIO)
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (Asaf Angermann HUM and Kalasia Ojeh, PAS co-chairs)
 - Faculty Salary Committee (Jennifer Westerfield HIST and Maryam Moazzen HUM co-chairs)
 - Personnel Committee (Daniel Smith-Tone MATH)
 - Planning and Budget Committee (Andrew Zhao ANTH)
 - Research Committee (Andreas Elpidorou PHIL)
 - Technology (Edna Ross, PSYC)
 - Staff Senate Report (Jason Sievers)

The meeting adjourned at 3:17 pm: Approve 98%; Reject 0%; Abstain: 2%

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