

Senate Items of Interest

Academics

- Administration is exploring the possibility of in person commencement.
- Spring semester seems to be progressing smoothly
- Summer semester 2021 will look much like summer semester 2020
- Fall 2021 is expected to look more like a “normal” semester but will be heavily influenced by what we learned over the past year
- Faculty using AI exam monitoring are required to complete training: “AI-Based Test Proctoring, Algorithmic Bias, and Unconscious Bias” module in Blackboard.

Student Life

- BoT toured new dorms
- Ground breaking ceremony held for the new dorm named for Denny Crum

University Wide Committees

Spring Forward Coordinating Committee

- New Covid-19 Dashboard is up and running (current positivity rate is below 1%)
- Meetings moved to every other week
- Vaccinations moved to 1C starting with individuals over 60 years old.

Budget Model Workgroup

- Currently discussing how to align committees that currently function separately looking at expenses or looking at revenues.

HRAC

- Faculty and Staff Compensation & Total Rewards RFP – provider identified, still have a few questions to address
- ERP – Workday using implementation partner (Huron) working to set up HR
- Health plan updates
- Benefits Administration Committee - RFP, selected Captrust to advise on retirement plans
- New Wellness Service – Health Advocate Introduction
- Benefits Account Management – RFP, to replace Discovery Benefits (hoping to have one group to deal with FSA, HSA, HRA together
- Belknap – OnBase Implementation
- Established regular meetings/interaction with UofL retirement group.

Shared Governance

Shared Governance Workgroup

- Organizational meeting held
- Structure and goals were discussed
- Currently filling out the committee roster

On the horizon

- Still working on populating two *ad hoc* committees
- Inclusion/Diversity/Equity – roughly half of the membership is filled (Muriel Harris has provided additional names so hopefully we will start work soon)
- Follet Inclusive Access. This was championed by Dale McIntosh and Mark Watkins. We are reviving this from a previous effort to explore the potential savings for students.