

Faculty Senate Chair Report  
May 5, 2021

**Spring Forward Planning Coordinating Committee**

- Continued discussion regarding vaccinations and encouraging more students to get vaccinated
- Positivity rate has been quite low
- Continued discussion of returning to work and in person courses, especially with respect to vaccinations, spacing, etc.

**BPMC – funding request subgroup**

Challenging work. Proposals have been difficult to compare fairly. Rubric is difficult to apply equitably. Nearly impossible to compare/prioritize – e.g. operational vs strategic investment for revenue growth vs health and wellbeing

**Shared Governance Workgroup**

Finalized committee structure  
Defined initial goals

**Faculty Accountability Policy**

Collected input from A&S, Speed, Kent, Libraries, SON, SOM and COB. Comments were summarized and used to suggest changes to the FAP.

**BoT**

Trustee’s Award winner named – Dr. Jason Gainous (Department of Political Science)

**BAC (bookstore advisory committee)**

Had initial meeting. As part of that discussion, compliance with book adoption was discussed. In particular, how are deadlines communicated to faculty. I have requested that notice of deadlines are sent to the senate at the same time these are sent to academic administration so that the senate could also help in these notifications. Below are some data that you might find interesting (from Sara Harvey, Course Materials Manager). These numbers were as of 4/28/21:

As of today, we only have 53.6% of our Fall adoptions. I am already sourcing copies of these books, so I would like to know about as many books as possible as soon as possible. UofL students start ordering books early, and we want to be ready for them. Having books on record now for these Fall classes gives students a chance to plan ahead and feel more comfortable in August. One of the attached lists contains 1850 classes with Missing Fall adoptions that can be sorted and filtered by Department, Course number, Course name, Instructor, etc.

Fall 2021 Adoptions Compliance		
4/28/20 to 4/28/21	Fall 2020	Fall 2021

Courses Adopted/Processed	3309	4537
Total Courses	6000	6200
Titles Adopted	383	1608
Value of Materials to Source	\$327,872	\$733,605

Adoptions compliance for Summer comes in at 94.1% with a record 941 adopted books. A list of 364 missing Summer classes is also attached.