

Faculty Senate Chair Report
January 12, 2022

Benefits Design Workgroup

- ULH Plan enrollment was near to projections
- New Anthem and Optum cards have been sent

COVID-Coordinating Committee (12/6/21 and 1/3/22)

- Until the Biden administration's vaccine mandate initiatives make it through the court system, our response is on hold.
- Spring 2022 enrollment is close to the same as last year
- For fall 2022, applications are up and new student deposits are up.
- Updated communication with new guidelines for exposure/quarantine and the use of seating charts was discussed.
- N95/KN95 masks will be available to the campus (2 per person)

Senior Leadership COVID-19 Team Meeting

- Tom Miller (UofL Health) indicated the hospitals are doing OK for capacity but are having staffing issues. Visitations are going to be limited and the peak is expected in the next 4-6 weeks.
- Campus Health is resuming booster/vaccine clinics, resuming general testing and the mandatory testing period (1/10/22), overviewed new CDC guidelines.

Board of Trustees

- Held multiple special meetings dealing with the Athletic Director and President positions
- In Board committee meetings the Academic and Student Affairs Committee approved the 2022 Grawemeyer Awards and approved the Education Specialist Degree in Curriculum & Instruction and the Master of Science in Accountancy & Analytics. The Finance Committee approved acquisition of PKT house and assumption of financing for PKT and Sig Ep houses, approved a new Operating Funds Investment Policy, approved requests to liquidate a number of Quasi-endowments, approved critical operations projects, construction of a parking lot, and construction of a cold storage unit in Ekstrom Library. The Executive Committee approved all the above listed and approved the December degree candidates as well as the presented promotion and tenure cases.

Budget

- Dan Durbin and Keith Sherman presented a university and foundation budget overview/work shop to the senate Planning and Budget Committee (following up on initiatives from myself and senate vice-chair Mueller) to get faculty involved in efforts to utilize foundation funds. The senate Planning and Budget Committee recommended that Dan Durbin and Keith Sherman to also present this information to the full senate.

Executive Budget Steering Committee

- Interdisciplinary subcommittee reported on efforts to look into how tuition revenue is shared and standardizing the process to incentivize interdisciplinary degrees
- Started discussing focused on cost allocations pools.

Master Plan RFP Evaluation Committee

- Initial organization meeting held
- The RFP generated 11 responses
- Discussed timeline and review process.