

**Redbook Committee Report**  
**June 7, 2023**

**A. Bylaws and Personnel Document Reviews**

Submitted for first reading (at the June 7 FS meeting):

- A&S Bylaws
- A&S Personnel document

Recently received and in review by RBC:

- Kent School Personnel document
- Law School Bylaws

Returned to units and awaiting response from units:

- School of Nursing Personnel Document
- College of Business Bylaws

**B. Proposed Redbook revisions (referred to RBC by Faculty Senate March 1 meeting)**

Submitted the Redbook revisions for first reading (at the June 7 FS meeting):

- Motion 1: *Consultative duties of the Faculty Committee on Presidential Searches*
- Motion 2: *Increasing the number of elected faculty on Dean Search Committees*

**C. RBC reviewed the KY Open Records and Open Meeting Laws, including discussions with UofL Legal Counsel representative Sherri Pawson. This review was done based on concerns expressed that individual positions on reports and motions being developed by the RBC could be made public. These findings could be helpful for any UofL committee.**

- While any information preserved in any form by a State Agency is defined as a “public record,” records from committees that do not result in a final ruling, are excluded from public disclosure (e.g. as Freedom of Information requests.)
- Similarly, committee meetings that do not result in a final ruling are not required to permit attendance by non-committee members.
- Examples of non-final rulings are any recommendations (e.g. reports and motions) and recommendations from Faculty Senate that require approval by the Board of Trustees. Similarly, examples of meetings where the public can be excluded include any committees that do not produce final rulings. Since the BOT does produce final rulings, their meetings are open to the public.
- These exclusions provide committees with a “safe space” where opinions can be freely and confidentially shared. Robert’s Rules has similar descriptions of and rationale for how committees are run.

Submitted by,  
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