

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met on April 26, 2017 at 3 p.m. in the Boardroom of the University Club, Vice Chair Krista Wallace-Boaz presiding.

Voting Members Present:

Krista Wallace-Boaz, Enid Trucios-Haynes, Robert Barker, Roger Bradshaw, Terri Holtze, David Owen, David Simpson, Chin Ng, Susan Peacock, Karen Hadley, J.P. Mohsen, Kurt Metzmeier

Also Attending:

PROVOST DESIGNEE: Tracy Eells

STAFF SENATE: Ginger Brown

SGA: Jonathan Fuller

Voting Members Not Present:

Pam Feldhoff, Martin Hall

Call to Order

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the 3/29 Minutes – Wallace-Boaz

The minutes of the March 29 meeting were approved as corrected.

REPORT: Faculty Senate Chair – Trucios-Haynes

Chair Trucios-Haynes reported on several topics, including:

- Budget Development Committee (BDC) – Regarding the return on investment (ROI) for research, Senator Owen shared that A&S Dean Kempf-Leonard had written a response on the ROI of teaching. Senator Owen also said he was encouraged by Dr. Billingsley's statement that the University's values will drive the budget and strategic priorities. Committee members thought it was important to develop a set of values to share with the Provost's Budget Development Committee and the Board of Trustees. At the last BDC meeting there was talk of splitting the clinics and UofL Hospital off as a separate entity. This is happening across the country to offset the risk of a downturn in the healthcare field. This is a preliminary discussion and no decisions have been made.
- ULAA – President Postel presides over the Athletic Association. The Board of Directors will meet and look at the following:
 - Committee membership for the Finance and Personnel Committees
 - Donations
 - Deferred Compensation for AD and coaches was moved from the Foundation's budget to the UofL budget
 - Question: Why would UofL take on Athletics' deferred compensation, when it does not receive any of its surplus?
 - This will be on the agenda for the ULAA Budget Committee.

A brief discussion took place on the possibility of the deferred compensation to have reached unsustainable levels that would severely impact UofL's already critical budget situation. It was followed by a discussion of the state of the student/athlete and dorm life. Senators felt this was

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part of the University's integrity to its students and affirmative actions should be taken to prevent unacceptable or dangerous activities in any of the student dorms. Senate Chair Trucios-Haynes said that she could ask Mike Mardis, Dean of Students what steps have been taken.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS – Wallace-Boaz

- Merging of HRA and Health Claim Information
 - A very brief discussion took place regarding the possible merger of health information. The committee's feelings had not changed and still oppose the move.
- Request of faculty senator regarding UofL Foundation audit
 - At the last Faculty senate meeting, Senator Ben Foster asked about the audit of the Foundation and would like the Senate to make a statement on the investigation. Committee members felt it was premature to make a statement, without the results of the audit.
- Impact and importance of research
 - This was discussed at last week's meeting.

REPORTS: STANDING COMMITTEES

- Part-time Faculty Committee (PTFC) – Committee chair Susan Peacock reported on several topics, including:
 - Dale Billingsley and Tracy Eells met with the local League of Women Voters to discuss and answer questions regarding part-time faculty issues.
 - Question: What is the connection between the part-time faculty and the League?
 - They explore topics of interest to their group and part-time faculty caught their attention.
 - Course Cancellations – The Part-time Faculty Committee supports the implementation for a course cancellation fee for courses taught by part-time faculty.
 - Comment: This could cause a chilling effect and a chair may not schedule a course.
Many schools have this in place. With the budget, the PTFC is concerned that more classes will be cancelled. A semester course costs about \$3000 and the PTFC is asking for a \$200 cancellation fee.
 - Comment: Data from the ACC and benchmarks would make a stronger case for this.
 - Comment: Funding should come from deans or the Provost as the departments do not receive any tuition funds.

OLD BUSINESS:

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Asked if there were any updates on the presidential search, Senate Chair Trucios-Haynes said there is no news to report and the Board of Trustees meets in May.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Senate chair - As an information item: the power point presentation that President Postel made to the Board of Trustees was included in today's packet.
- The REDBOOK Consultation Committee will meet after commencement.
- Ombuds search – Dr. Eells reported that the search committee will interview seven (7) candidates and, from that group, bring three (3) to campus. The Provost would like the position filled by July 1, 2017.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.