

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 3 p.m. in the Boardroom of the University Club, Senate Chair Krista Wallace-Boaz presiding.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Krista Wallace-Boaz, Enid Trucios-Haynes, Robert Barker, Roger Bradshaw, Diane Chlebowy, J.P. Mohsen, David Simpson, Sherri Brown, Roy Fuller, Reg Bruce, John Ferré,

ALSO PRESENT: Tracy Eells, Lazaro Munoz

VOTING MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: David Owen

Call to Order

REPORT: Student Government – Munoz

Mr. Munoz reported on several topics, including:

- Cards in Action – The SGA is trying to get this group going again to lobby for higher education in Frankfort.
- Scooter Policy – A final policy is to come soon and the SGA will not make a statement until the policy is final.

REPORT: Staff Senate – Brown

No report was made.

REPORT: Faculty Senate Chair – Wallace-Boaz

Chair Wallace-Boaz reported on several topics, including:

- HSC – There is a lot of activity on HSC with the Jewish Hospital situation. President Bendapudi is organizing leadership teams the assist with all the various parts.
- Day of Service – The original date in April did not work well with UofL's schedule, so it has been changed to fall 2019 during Homecoming Week.
- Ombuds – Diane Tobin, the new Ombuds would like to work with this committee to develop an Academic Toolbox to help faculty on a variety of topics.
- Event Date – The panel discussion "Voice: Managing Political Talk in the Classroom" will be held on January 9, 2019 from 11:30-1:30 in MITC.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: – Wallace-Boaz

- Student Mentorship Initiative – This is an initiative of the provost to boost student retention and persistence. Discussions are just beginning to identify how this could come about. Though there are many ways to develop this, it is thought that the best way to connect with students is on a one-to-one basis, developing a relationship. Not all faculty will be interested and is not intended to be time consuming. Senator Bruce shared an example of his collegiate mentor and how that positive relationship influenced his career. Another example was given of meeting with four to five students a couple of times in a semester. SGA representative, Lazaro Munoz added how meeting with law professors had changed his life, beyond a retention aspect. Other examples of successful mentoring included student-athletes, the Living Brain Community in the School of Nursing and the Living Learning Community (LLC) in student dorms. A variety of options should be available, given the size of the institution and the breadth of faculty strengths and experiences.

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- Strategic Planning Process – President Bendapudi sent an email outlining her goals for the plan to begin in January. She would like faculty input. Students, staff and faculty will be represented on the committee. Please contact Dr. Bendapudi if you are interested in serving on the committee.
- Faculty and Staff Morale – Chair Wallace-Boaz asked that comments be sent to her to be presented to the president and provost. Concerns were raised regarding the potential of further unit budget cuts, the departure of minority faculty and the new printing and purchasing policies. All these add to the frustration of faculty and staff. Though the institution may benefit from overall savings, the units are not. A brief discussion took place on the new printing system and its issues.

REPORTS: STANDING COMMITTEES

- Academic Programs Committee (APC) - Barker
 - This committee is reviewing a proposal for a certificate in Distilled Spirits from the College of Business.
- Committee on Committees & Credentials (CCC) – Brown
 - This committee did not meet. A vacancy on the Part-time Faculty Committee will be filled in January. Senator Chris Tillquist was appointed to P&B.
- Part-time Faculty Committee (PTF) – Fuller
 - This committee met on November 5th with the UofL AAUP chapter to look at part-time compensation. The committee would like to have a representative on HRAC. Work continues on its project of developing guidelines for hiring part-time faculty. The guidelines will come to this committee when completed.
- Planning & Budget Committee (P&B) - Bruce
 - This committee met on November 14th and developed a process timeline for proposals. A proposal from Anthropology for a Center in Portland will be discussed at the committee's meeting on January 9, 2019. A discussion took place on the proposal process and the time involved in passing new programs, degrees and centers. Some felt the process should be faster and others felt the careful vetting up front would prevent later issues.
- REDBOOK Committee (RB) – Ferré
 - This committee reviewed Kent School's bylaws and sent them back with recommended changes and is waiting on its return.
 - The Public Health documents will have a second reading in December.
 - A&S sent a change to its personnel documents. The REDBOOK Committee will return for a friendly revision.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

- HRAC – Met on November 11th and discussed issues mostly pertaining to staff. There was an inquiry about the United Way campaigns held in the past, and it was noted to have changed to UofL Giving.
- STEC – The meetings for this committee have been put on hold until a new Chief Information Officer is hired. The search is winding down and a new CIO will be hired soon.
- Tuition and Fee-setting Task Force – The deadline for new fee requests is December 14th.

OLD BUSINESS

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Bookstore – A new Bookstore Advisory Committee is being developed. Chair Wallace-Boaz met with UofL General Counsel Tom Hoy to discuss the Follett contract. She will meet with Mark Watkins to discuss renegotiating the contract and getting a faculty survey on the bookstore in January.

NEW BUSINESS

Campus Climate Survey – Senator Mohsen reminded committee members to respond to the survey and that it will close soon. A discussion took place on the anonymity aspect of the survey and that action plans are being developed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Wallace-Boaz reminded committee members that the Faculty Senate meets on December 5th in the Chao Auditorium and this committee will convene on December 12th in the University Club.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Henry