

**FACULTY SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
May 17, 2023**

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met on, May 17, 2023 at 3 p.m. in Ekstrom Library, Room W104 and on the TEAMS platform, Vice Chair Robert Detmering presiding.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Cohn, Robert Detmering, Jose Fernandez, Roy Fuller, Kathleen Gosser, Karen Hadley, Patrick Harris, Eugene Mueller, David Schultz, Sherri Wallace

ALSO ATTENDING

Dr. Kim Schatzel, Ms. Jessie Murnock, Michael Cunningham, Cherie Dawson-Edwards,

VOTING MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Enid Trucios-Haynes

CALL TO ORDER

Before the meeting began, senators introduced themselves to Dr. Schatzel.

LISTENING SESSION: UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT - SCHATZEL

President Schatzel shared that she has had about thirty listening sessions and heard from nearly 1200 people, both on and off campus. From faculty, staff, students, community members, business leaders, nonprofits, Metro Council, state legislators, the mayor, the governor and other leaders in Frankfort, as well as in Washington, D.C. Starting the listening tour as soon as she arrived, she was able to listen with fresh ears and without bias. Though not finished with her listening journey, Dr. Schatzel said she has the achieved her desired outcome. Topics mentioned in this meeting included the lack of support for research and scholarship on the Belknap Campus, particularly in the performing and fine arts, the social sciences and humanities; the redundancies and other issues that occur with the university's severe decentralization; a decrease in public safety communications; confusing processes in the Advancement office; unclear policies in The REDBOOK; and the faculty compensation study.

REPORT: STUDENT GOVERNMENT – DEPP

There was no report.

REPORT: STAFF SENATE- PATTERSON

Ms. Patterson was not in attendance, but sent a brief report that noted that Dr. Schatzel had attended the Staff Senate meeting and said she was going to spend one week a month on HSC. She recognizes the current budget model does not allow administrative units to grow their budgets as it does academic units and applying for a job is now available on Workday.

REPORT: AAUP – CUNNINGHAM

Senator Cunningham reported that he is fielding various complaints and has heard from faculty that are being threatened with the Faculty Accountability Policy. A brief discussion took place on taking a deeper look into this issue.

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REPORT: FACULTY SENATE CHAIR - MUELLER

Chair Mueller reported on the following topics.

- **June Meeting** – Chief Green, Dean Mardis and Mr. Lee Gill will give an update on the trans student incident.
- **Advancement Hire** – The last stage is that the finalist will be chosen by President Schatzel.
- **Commencement** – Everything went well.
- **University Club** – It will reopen tomorrow.
- **Feedback Needed** – There will be a university-wide AI Committee. He will be seeking volunteers.

DISCUSSION ITEM

- **PUBLIC SAFETY FOLLOW-UP – DETMERING**
Committee Chair Detmering followed up with CEO Dan Durbin regarding the newsletter that Chief Green had mentioned at an earlier meeting. Mr. Durbin said they were waiting to hear back from John Drees, but nothing has been communicated so far. Most people want to hear more on public safety. Also, the flock camera security system is being implemented around campus with no input or information. A discussion took place on the lack of communication and shared governance on various fronts.

REPORTS: STANDING COMMITTEES – No committee reports were made at this meeting.

- Academic Programs Committee (APC) - Harrington
- Committee on Committee & Credentials (CCC) - Gosser
- Part-time Faculty Committee (PTF) - Fuller
- Planning & Budget Committee (P&B) - Harris
- The REDBOOK & Bylaws Committee (RB) - Cohn

OLD BUSINESS

Senator Robert Cohn, Chair of the REDBOOK Committee and his interpretation of the Kentucky Open Records law. After a discussion with General Counsel, confidentiality protection is broader than was initially understood.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Henry
Senate Coordinator