

**UNIVERSITY of LOUISVILLE**  
**FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 15, 2024**

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met on May 15, 2024 at 3 p.m. in MITC 201 and on the Teams platform, Vice Chair Sherri Wallace presiding.

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

Amy Acklin, Jose Fernandez, Kathleen Gosser, Karen Hadley, Meg Hancock, Patrick Harris, Eugene Mueller, Sherri Wallace, Andrew Winters

**ALSO ATTENDING**

Michael Cunningham, Cherie Dawson-Edwards, Bonnie Fonseca-Greber, Becky Patterson

**VOTING MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Enid Trucios-Haynes

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Minutes - Wallace**

The April meeting minutes are linked above and were approved.

**REPORT: Student Government – Depp**

There was no report.

**REPORT: Staff Senate- Patterson**

Ms. Patterson reported that the Staff Senate met yesterday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and heard from President Schatzel, Provost Bradley, Dr. Karlis Kaugars, and Ms. Laura McDaniels in the Employee Success Center about supervisor training.

**REPORT: AAUP - Cunningham**

AAUP recently had a general meeting with a lively discussion that generated initiatives, yet to be announced. The membership is concerned about the activities in Lexington and the impact on faculty there.

**REPORT: Faculty Senate Chair – Mueller**

Chair Mueller reported that he was able to attend both graduation ceremonies.

**DISCUSSION & GUEST REPORTS - Wallace**

- **Update on Faculty Senate Ad hoc DEI Committee - Fonseca-Greber**

The chair of the ad hoc Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Senator Fonseca-Greber reported on that committee's work over the past year. Members included a representative from each of the Faculty Senate standing committees and Dr. Cherie Dawson-Edwards from Faculty Affairs. The committee spent time working on its charge which seemed vague to some members. In January of this year, the committee took DEI training from Ms. Marian Vasser, the Director of Diversity Education and Inclusive Excellence. Senate Chair Mueller clarified that the primary charge was for each member to bring forward DEI issues that arise in their standing committee's work. A discussion took place on the time the committee spent developing its structure and taking training so all members have the same information to carry out the charge. A motion was made and

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approved to keep the committee as an ad hoc for an additional year so it can begin the work as charged.

- **Potential New University Expenses - Mueller**
  - **University Commencement Speaker**
    - Chair Mueller noted that at the recent commencement, the president spoke at the end of the event instead of before the degrees were awarded. The reason for the change was to save time for the potential of having an external high-caliber speaker in future commencement. He started the discussion asking two questions: is this a good idea and what will the expense be to host a speaker. A discussion took place on the status of the current event, the length of the ceremony and the loss of traditions.
  - **NCAA Antitrust Settlement/ NCAA Settlement & College Sports**
    - Though no official announcements were made, a discussion took place on the potential financial impact on UofL from the NCAA antitrust law suit settlement. The estimated amount for each university's share of the potential payout is \$20M. Chair Mueller sought a detailed discussion of what would be acceptable/unacceptable alternatives to the faculty if the Athletic Association could not cover the final cost. Though it is not within the purview of this committee to decide how to fund the payment, several options were put forth and most committee members felt that an increase in student fees and reductions in academic programs were unacceptable. A payment made by the Athletic Association was supported by the committee.
- **What is the Goal of the University Faculty Senate – Harris**
  - In the spirit of being proactive, Senator Harris raised the issue of the state legislature's growing interest in redefining the power at UK and applying that change to all Kentucky universities. The University of Kentucky's Senate is not advisory, it has the power to influence and approve that university's budgets. Concern was that the state legislature could redefine faculty input at institutions across the state.

**REPORTS: STANDING COMMITTEES**

- **Academic Programs Committee (APC) – Galloway**
  - This committee is reviewing one new program proposal for a certificate in Healthcare Skills.
- **Committee on Committee & Credentials (CCC) – Gosser**
  - Regarding the election results, there was no request for a teller's report.
- **Part-time Faculty Committee (PTF) – Fuller**
  - The Part-time Faculty elections were recently held and Senator Joseph Gutmann and Senator Tina Johnson were both reelected.
- **Planning & Budget Committee (P&B) – Harris**
  - This committee is reviewing the budget of the proposed certificate in Healthcare Skills.
- The REDBOOK & Bylaws Committee (RB) - Winters

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Senator Hadley raised the issue of recent administrative hires and the apparent lack of attention to concerns that are addressed in DEI-conscious national searches.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next week's meeting is cancelled.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gretchen Henry  
Senate Coordinator