

UNIVERSITY of LOUISVILLE
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

January 17, 2024

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met on January 17, 2024 at 3 p.m. in MITC 201 and on the Teams platform, Vice Chair Sherri Wallace presiding.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Amy Acklin, Fannie Cox, Jose Fernandez, Roy Fuller, Lynette Galloway, Kathleen Gosser, Karen Hadley, Meg Hancock, Patrick Harris, Eugene Mueller, David Schultz, Enid Trucios-Haynes, Sherri Wallace, Andrew Winters

ALSO ATTENDING

Michael Cunningham, Cherie Dawson-Edwards, Becky Patterson, Kim Schatzel

CALL TO ORDER

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Minutes - Wallace

Consideration of the December meeting minutes were postponed until next week.

REPORT: Student Government – Depp

There was no report.

REPORT: Staff Senate – Patterson

There was no report as the Staff Senate does not meet in January.

REPORT: AAUP – Cunningham

AAUP is interested in the legislative bills pertaining to higher education and looks forward to hearing UofL's strategy.

REPORT: Faculty Senate Chair – Mueller

Senate Chair Mueller reported on the following topics.

Legislative Bills – Chair Mueller has received many emails regarding the bills currently moving through the legislature. He is on the Legislative Monitoring Action Committee and will bring it up at the next meeting.

Budget Meetings – Dr. Bradley has committed to a joint meeting of the Planning and Budget and Executive committees with an administration representative for budget input.

Chief Information Officer Search – Finalists will be on campus soon.

UPDATE: Faculty Senate Bylaws Revisions – Winters

At the December Faculty Senate meeting, the Committee on Committees and Credentials recommended two revisions to the Faculty Senate bylaws to allow absentee and electronic voting and to not publicly disclose the number of votes for individual candidates. The REDBOOK Committee discussed these revisions and proposed that for the bylaws section on the Election of the Chair and Vice Chair a statement be added allowing absentee and electronic voting. An additional statement would be added stating that *in lieu of a teller's report, individuals in the election will be divided by tally count, or something to that effect*. This change would provide the tally count to those individuals who ran in the election, as opposed to posting all results publicly. These same statements would also be added to the section Committees- General Instructions. Robert's Rules does allow for modifications to align with Faculty Senate bylaws. A discussion on what the exact wording for the revisions should be resulted in

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tabling the changes until the committee has reviewed the language and it has been discussed at a later meeting. Once the final version is approved by The REDBOOK Committee, Executive Committee and the Committee on Committees and Credentials, it will go before the full Senate.

DISCUSSION & GUEST REPORTS - Wallace

- **Extension of Faculty Grievance Committee Co-Chair Appointment - Mueller**

Professor Melissa Laning's term as the Grievance Committee Co-Chair is up for renewal, but she is stepping down. Dr. Mueller sought the committee's input for asking President Schatzel to extend the term through July. The committee agreed. In addition, he sought recommendations for a new Grievance Committee appointee. A discussion took place on the qualities and skills that would best serve the committee.

- **Results of the A&S Compensation Study Survey - Cunningham**

Senator Cunningham presented issues with the staff and faculty compensation studies and the schools chosen by Segal for comparison purposes. A discussion took place on the choice of comparative schools and what influence those choices would have on the study's outcome. Some committee members felt that since the study was well underway the points were moot and discussion should take place once the results were presented. Senator Cunningham suggested that the survey be extended to the units for additional input. Senator Cunningham made a motion that the study of faculty attitudes and opinions about the salary study be expanded to all of the colleges and schools at the university. The motion failed for lack of a second. Further, Senator Cunningham reported that a majority of Arts & Sciences faculty survey respondents felt that any work completed (publications, for example) since the last merit increase, should be included in calculating the next merit increase. Discussion was tabled until a later meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Recess to executive session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f)

OPEN MEETING RECONVENES

- Appropriate action if any – Discussion to take place at next week's meeting.

REPORTS: STANDING COMMITTEES - All committee reports were tabled until next week.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Henry
University Senates