

UNIVERSITY of LOUISVILLE
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 24, 2024

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met on January 24, 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, Patrick Harris,

ALSO ATTENDING

Michael Cunningham, Becky Patterson

VOTING MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Meg Hancock

CALL TO ORDER

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the December Minutes - Wallace

The minutes of the December 13, 2023 meeting were approved.

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. The next meeting is on February 13, 2024.

REPORT: Faculty Senate Chair - Mueller

Senate Chair Mueller reported that there has been a lot of discussion on House Bill 228 regarding the perceived threat to tenure and shared governance. University presidents and the Council on Post Secondary Education (CPE) have been in discussions on this and the bills related to diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) but have yet to make a statement. Senator Trucios-Haynes commented that in her view the bill is a direct threat to tenure because it creates a new procedure (four year reviews) and a faculty member can be fired within ten days of a determination, tenured or not. Dr. Mueller said statements are usually not made on bills that have little chance of advancing.

REPORT: AAUP – Cunningham

The AAUP is also interested in the current legislative bills that impact faculty and DEI efforts.

DISCUSSION & GUEST REPORTS - Wallace

- **Appropriate Procedure for Appointment of a Provost – Wallace**

As a follow up discussion from last week's executive session, Senator Pat Harris made the following motion: *the Executive Committee shall serve as the evaluation committee as requested by the university's president with the addition of ad hoc members of any unit that may not currently have representation among those present.* The motion was amended to begin with

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Assuming February 1, 2024 is the hard deadline,. A motion to accept the amendment was passed. After a very lengthy discussion on various steps to take, it was decided to invite senators from the three units without representatives on this committee, Dentistry, Public Health and Speed. Dr. Mueller will contact those senators and the committee will meet again next week.

- **Policy revisions approved by the CUAAA and the University-wide Policy Committee – Mueller**
The proposed changes to the course catalog were discussed as Dr. Mueller went through them, including Final Exam and Attendance.
Committee Chair Wallace tabled the discussion and will invite Dr. Beth Willey to come to explain the necessity for the changes.

REPORTS: STANDING COMMITTEES

- **Academic Programs Committee (APC) – Galloway**
 - This committee has not met this month, but will consider the proposed reactivation of a certificate program.
- **Committee on Committee & Credentials (CCC) – Gosser**
 - This committee sent recommendations to the REDBOOK Committee for revising the Senate bylaws.
- **Part-time Faculty Committee (PTF) – Fuller**
 - This committee has not met.
- **Planning & Budget Committee (P&B) – Harris**
 - This committee will also review the proposed reactivation of the certificate program, in collaboration with the Academic Programs Committee.
- **The REDBOOK & Bylaws Committee (RB) – Winters**
 - This committee discussed the revision of the Faculty Senate bylaws. Presenting the changes, Senator Winters sought input on the language and the placement of the revisions. After some wordsmithing, it was decided to put the various suggested changes into coherent form and to discuss at a later meeting.
 - The committee is reviewing the School of Music’s updated personnel document.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Wallace announced that she would like to run for her current position as vice chair for another year of experience. Senator Patrick Harris said he would support Dr. Mueller running for another term as Faculty Senate chair for continuity. Dr. Mueller said he was willing to serve an extra year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Henry
University Senates