

UNIVERSITY of LOUISVILLE
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
February 28, 2024

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met on February 28, 2024 at 3 p.m. in MITC 201 and on the Teams platform, Vice Chair Sherri Wallace presiding.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Fannie Cox, Roy Fuller, Lynette Galloway, Kathleen Gosser, Karen Hadley, Meg Hancock, Eugene Mueller, Enid Trucios-Haynes, Sherri Wallace, Andrew Winters

ALSO ATTENDING

Michael Cunningham, Cherie Dawson-Edwards, Gail DePuy, Beth Willey, Gerard Williger,

VOTING MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Amy Acklin, Jose Fernandez

CALL TO ORDER

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the January Minutes - Wallace

The meeting minutes from January 17th, January 24th and January 31st were approved.

REPORT: Student Government – Depp

There was no report.

REPORT: Staff Senate – Patterson

This report was made last week.

REPORT: AAUP - Cunningham

Senator Cunningham reported that the Arts & Sciences Faculty Assembly agreed with this committee to move forward and recommend a reduced sample of benchmark schools that meet at least five of the seven criteria for the Faculty Compensation Study. The A&S Faculty Assembly also agreed with the AAUP recommendation to include disciplinary affiliation, timeliness and provision of data.

REPORT: Faculty Senate Chair - Mueller

Chair Mueller reported that he had contacted the president of the SGA to let them know they are allowed two representatives, instead of one. The same follows for the Staff Senate. Following up on the motion made at last week's meeting regarding the Faculty Compensation Study, the Provost received it and has discussed it.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Proposed Changes to the [Course Catalog Policies](#) - DePuy/Willey

Senior Vice Provost, Dr. Gail Depuy and Dr. Beth Willey presented the attached revisions to four of the Course Catalog policies, which had been previously distributed. The proposed changes included Final Exams, Attendance, Pass/Fail grading, and Graduating with Academic Honors. A discussion took place on the university-level honors and unit/department-level honor designations and how to clarify the differences. Clarifications was sought on some revisions to the Final Exam, Pass/Fail, and Attendance policies. Chair Mueller requested these changes go before the full Senate at its next meeting.

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Grade Inflation – Williger

Dr. Williger reported to the committee that since becoming a Mortar Board advisor in 2006, he has noticed an increase in the grade point average of juniors and seniors to almost one-third of a letter grade. He believes this is a result of inflation, and universities across the nation are in the same boat. Dr. Williger believes there is no easy solution but it should be studied because it impacts the value of a UofL degree. A brief discussion took place on the potential ways to address this issue.

REPORTS: STANDING COMMITTEES

- **Academic Programs Committee (APC) – Galloway**
 - This committee met and reviewed a program proposal for a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications Sciences and Disorders from the School of Medicine.
- **Committee on Committee & Credentials (CCC) – Gosser**
 - There are over twenty vacancies to fill at the May meeting.
- **Part-time Faculty Committee (PTF) – Fuller**
 - There was no report.
- **Planning & Budget Committee (P&B) – Harris**
 - This committee will review the budget of the proposed program for a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications Sciences and Disorders, currently with the Academic Programs Committee.
- **The REDBOOK & Bylaws Committee (RB) – Winters**
 - This committee worked on the revised Faculty Senate bylaws and will have a first reading of the Library’s unit documents at the March Senate meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Kathleen Gosser announced that a Franchising Expo will be held in the College of Business next week. The College of Business is co-hosting the event with the University of Nebraska.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Henry
Senate Coordinator