

Executive Committee Report for March 2017

The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate met twice during the month of March: March 22nd and March 29th.

The Executive Committee (XC) heard reports from Standing Committees, as well as from a representative of the Student Government and Staff Senate.

Discussion at the March 22nd meeting included the merging of data gathered in the Get Healthy Now assessment with other health data. This discussion was first visited in 2014, and the Executive Committee continues to express concern over privacy issues, including invasion of privacy and violation of trust. The merging of this data to share with companies could also negatively impact the participation in Get Healthy Now programs. The XC will invite Jeanell Hughes to an upcoming meeting to discuss these issues.

The XC continues to support the constituting of the faculty committee, representing all units, as mandated in the Redbook for Presidential Searches.

FS chair Trucios-Hayes presented information from recent Budget Advisory Committee meetings, and asked for feedback regarding a list of ideas to further evaluate cost savings and budget line items. The XC highlighted the following items:

1. Maximize capacity for teaching
2. Analyze X-pay and supplements
3. Review layer of Admin positions
4. Reduce/remove consulting contracts
5. Deans to return to faculty at faculty salary
6. 1 to 2 (to 10!)% reduction salary for those over \$200K.

The XC reviewed the executive summary and results of the priority grade access implementation fall of 2016. Feedback included the question regarding the launch date for course evaluations.

On March 29th, the XC engaged in discussions with Mark Watkins, Bob Briscoe and Susan Howarth. Watkins and Briscoe discussed preliminary proposals and initiatives regarding:

1. [Business Services](#)
 - a. [Parking and Transportation](#)
 - b. [Manage Print](#) (Overview) | [Managed Print Services](#) (Full Presentation)
 - c. [Wire and Wireless Network](#)

Please see the documents regarding these topics.

Regarding parking, there is currently a \$1,000,000 deficit. 17-18 will see a modest increase in parking rates.

Susan Howarth discussed current budget issues. No documents were provided, since information is changing daily. She discussed many points including:

1. Past report of negative unrestricted net access
2. Importance of UG enrollment growth
3. Impact of second downgrade in Moody's bond rating.

4. Causes of deficit: general fund issues and health sciences (clinical revenue and ULP)
5. Ending this budget year positively
6. Next steps: preparing the 17-18 budget to present to Board of Trustees in May

Updated budget information will be provided and discussed at the April 5 Faculty Senate Meeting.

In response to the Open Carry Demonstration by an outside group on Friday, March 31, the Executive Committee unanimously endorsed an affirmation supporting the current University policy on deadly weapons:

The University of Louisville Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate affirms its support of the University's Deadly Weapons-Destructive Devices Policy (PER-1.21), which prohibits deadly weapons on any property owned, leased, operated or controlled by the University, with specific exceptions. Further, The University of Louisville Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate affirms its support of KRS 527-070, which prohibits possession of weapons on school properties, with specified exceptions. As faculty, we have primary responsibility for the education of the students at the University of Louisville, and we firmly believe that ensuring a safe, weapons-free, campus is an essential foundation to the mission of providing an excellent educational experience.

This statement may be found on the [Faculty Senate website](#), and was published in the April 3 UofL Today.

Attendance at the March 29th meeting, in addition to guest presenters, included members of Planning and Budget, the FS Ad-hoc Advisory Committee, and representatives from the AAUP. Susan Jarosi, newly elected President of the AAUP, announced to leadership that the AAUP is conducting a survey on Shared Governance. This was delivered to inboxes on March 30th. Results will be shared with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

Other Vice-Chair Activities in March include:

Pre-Senate meeting with Enid Trucios-Haynes, Tracy Eells and Provost Dale Billingsly
CAP Meeting

Meeting with Enid Trucios-Haynes, Jeanell Hughes and Lee Smith

Meeting with Enid Trucios-Haynes and Dr. Greg Postel

Meeting with Enid Trucios-Haynes and David Adams

Respectfully Submitted,

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Faculty Senate, Vice-Chair