

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Report November 7, 2018

October 17th Meeting

We reviewed the proposed Scooter Policy, which would ban electric scooters from campus, including bike paths. It is not clear how this will be effectively enforced; the XC suggested establishing parking areas for these around the campus perimeter.

The XC discussed a recommendation by the ULAA Committee on Academic Performance to eliminate the 2.0 Rule, which makes ineligible to participate competition any student athlete who falls below a 2.0 GPA after 60 hours. (The NCAA requires 1.9 GPA or higher to compete.) The XC declined to eliminate this rule and its robust appeal process at this time.

Concern was expressed about the HR proposal to begin new employee health insurance coverage 30 days after the first of the month after a new employee starts at UofL. HR has since decided not to implement this policy.

October 23rd Meeting with President Bendapudi

We discussed the inclusion of faculty on senior administrator searches, the decision not to establish a Sustainability Commission, faculty involvement in the upcoming strategic planning process, and the 2018-2019 Distinguished Faculty Awards. She decided not to establish a sustainability commission at this time because she was worried it might dilute the impact of the other two commissions and there were concerns from Counsel about the proposed bylaws. She emphasized that she is committed to UofL's sustainability efforts and promised to see that all funding is restored. The strategic planning process will begin January 1 and be implemented in the fall of 2019. It will emphasize diversity, equity, and inclusion and highlight broad themes that are already strengths. She agreed that we needed to start the DFA process and directed her staff to work on this. She announced that UofL has signed onto CEO Action (ceoaction.com), which is an effort by the business community to advance diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

October 24th Meeting

Alicia Dunlap, Assistant Director of the Delphi Center, met with us on October 24. She explained how third-party products are integrated into Blackboard and the problems presented to these integrations by the contract with Follett.

Bob Knaster, Executive Director of Business Services, and Gary Becker, Director of Parking Administration, met with us to discuss the long-term parking strategy. In the long term, the plan is to implement zone-based parking. Faculty parking concerns were discussed, including problems faced by PTLs and GTAs this year. The 3rd Street South lot is reserved for only PTLs and GTAs and has space available.