

## **Faculty Senate Executive Committee Report for January 2022**

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**Faculty Senate Vice Chair, Chair of the Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee (XC) met on December 15, 2021, and minutes will be duly available once approved at a future meeting. The meeting was in the University Club Board Room with the option of joining by Teams.

SGA representative Meza reported on the development of a program textbook checkout and the loan of other course materials.

Staff Senate representative Brown briefed the XC on the previous Staff Senate meeting.

Interim President and Provost Lori Gonzalez joined the XC and outlined the transition from President Bendapudi. She reported that all five finalists for the position of Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion remain interested in the position despite the unexpected departure of the president. She also related the efforts from campus to aid the victims of the tornadoes that devastated Western Kentucky.

Senate Chair Schultz led a discussion of faculty participation in the impending presidential search. As a member of the Board of Trustees, he has been in consultation with the chair of the Board of Trustees. The sentiment was unanimous that faculty participation be substantially increased relative to the last presidential search. Considerable discussion ensued over the desirability and practicality of an open, partially open (finalists revealed publicly), or closed search.

Discussion of the attributes of a new president will be continued in January, and input from the Faculty Senate at large can be directed to XC Chair Mueller.