

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Report for May 2022

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The Executive Committee (XC) met twice in April 2022 in MITC 201 with an option to attend via Teams if a member was unable to do so in person. Minutes will be available once approved at a future meeting.

April 20, 2022

Representatives of SGA, the Staff Senate, and AAUP reported continuing efforts and concerns that were covered at previous XC meetings.

Senate Chair Schultz briefed the XC on several fronts, including the presidential and athletic director searches and the start of developing a new strategic plan (the current one ends its three-year life this summer). The UofL committee to discuss matters related to the pandemic is now paused but will resume if the situation warrants.

The XC heard a report from Senator Dale McIntosh as chair of the *ad hoc* committee examining textbook access through the Follett Inclusive Access program. Senate Chair Schultz and Vice Chair Mueller will follow up with the administration on several points of concern.

The XC also considered how to handle vacancies of various lengths in the positions of Senate Chair and Vice Chair. The Redbook Committee has been charged with developing alternatives and by-law changes to implement them.

Standing committee reports completed the meeting, and details will be available in the minutes.

April 27, 2022

ULPD Chief Gary Lewis informed the XC of a pilot program of anticrime surveillance technology on the edge of campus and affiliated student housing properties. Facial recognition is not among the technologies being contemplated. An earnest discussion followed about privacy concerns, including access to the data and the length of time that it will be stored.

M. Cynthia 'Cindy' Logsdon, Director of Research Academic Programs in the Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation and Prof. John Trent presented the draft version of the policy on Management and Sharing of Research Data. Earnest discussion again followed, with some immediate feedback provided. The same policy is on the agenda for presentation to the whole Senate at the same meeting this report is being presented, so it seems fruitless to summarize the discussion here. Details of the discussion will be duly available once XC meeting minutes are approved.

The Staff Senate representative had no report from the previous week's meeting, and an SGA representative was not present. AAUP representative Cunningham reported on the Spring meeting held the day before. The resolutions adopted by AAUP regarding the presidential search, the budget model, and the discussion of reorganization of the College of Arts and Sciences were read, and several XC members offered their concerns about the resolutions. Senate Chair

David Schultz also had little information to update beyond items that had been announced publicly (such as the composition of the presidential search committee).

The XC considered the time frame of course evaluations, which had been shifted from the end of Reading Day to the end of the final exam period without consultation with the Faculty Senate. The XC was unanimous that evaluations should be concluded before final exams commence and passed a resolution to that effect, which is submitted for endorsement by the full Faculty Senate. More complicated issues involving evaluations were also raised, and the XC will deliberate on them further.

The standing committee reports followed, and details will be presented in the meeting minutes.