

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Report for September 2022

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The Executive Committee (XC) met once in August 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.

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Staff Senate representative Mike Materna gave a report of the July Staff Senate meeting and updated the XC on current projects from University Planning, Design, and Construction (his unit). New Student Government Association representative Bryson Sebastian introduced himself and reported on SGA's start of semester activities and an overview of plans for the coming year.

Senate Chair Schultz had to leave the XC meeting for another one before he could give a report but had indicated before the meeting that the report would have been very brief and consist of minor updates.

Interim President Gonzalez discussed several points of information, including status of vice presidential searches and that the two new residence halls (one opened in 21F and one in 22F) near the Student Activities center will be named Belknap North Village and Belknap South Village. A substantial discussion was held concerning retrofitting buildings to match the current standards for new buildings under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). All UofL buildings are in compliance in the law because of grandfathering provisions in ADA, but XC members expressed hope that renovations undertaken over the next two with the Asset Preservation funds approved in the new biennial Kentucky state budget will be used with an eye to improving grandfathered buildings to approach more nearly ADA requirements of new buildings. President Gonzalez ended with a discussion of morale at UofL and the timelines of various surveys (COACHE, total compensation) and implementation of measures to address the findings. She emphasized the 'buy in' of the Board of Trustees to implementation of the strategic plan and addressing problems highlighted by the surveys, which will be tied to metrics to judge progress.

Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Cherie Dawson-Edwards updated the XC on dean searches in the Kent School and College of Arts & Sciences.

The XC discussed the announced Covid policy for the fall semester. Senate leadership was involved in several meetings held by Interim Provost Bradley to gather input before settling on a policy.

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

XC Chair Mueller met on August 23 with Bob Goldstein, Vice Provost for Assessment and University Decision Support/Analytics, to discuss the data requested by the XC to consider the impact of the timeline of course evaluations extending to the end of the final exam period. It seems practicable for the requested data to be provided although perhaps not quickly enough to contemplate action before evaluations of classes in Spring 2023.