

Executive Committee (XC) Report to the University of Louisville Faculty Senate

March 6, 2024

Meeting(s) Report

The faculty senate executive committee met two times in February (Wednesday, 02.21 and 02.28) during our regularly scheduled meeting time from 3:00-5:00 PM. The meeting minutes from January 17, 24 and 31, were unanimously approved on February 28, 2024. At the meeting, the executive committee reports and standing committee reports were presented as information, the details are recorded in the meeting minutes. Motions were made, seconded, and unanimously passed at the XC as reported below. Currently, there are no committee action items.

Discussion Items & Guest Reports:

1. **February 21, 2024 Meeting.** Discussion Items:
 - a. The Faculty Compensation Study. Faculty Senator Michael Cunningham presented results of the joint A&S Faculty Advisory Committee and Faculty Salary and Equity Committee on the A&S Compensation Study Survey for discussion and feedback. After hearing the discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed that, “the [current faculty compensation study] benchmark group right now be reduced to include only schools that met five or more of the seven [comparison group] criteria.
 - b. Bylaws Revisions. Faculty Senator and Redbook Committee Chair Andrew Winters presented the results based on extensive discussion and investigation with the Committee on Committees and the Executive Committee for proposed modifications to voting procedures for the faculty senate. After hearing the discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed that the language for the Elections voting section was ready to present to the Faculty Senate at the March 6, 2024 meeting.
2. **February 28, 2024 Meeting.** Discussion Items:
 - a. Course Catalog Policies. Senior Vice Provost Gail DePuy and Vice Provost Beth Willey met with the Executive Committee to discuss several policy change recommendations to the course catalog policies, effective 2024-2025, that were reviewed and approved by the Council on Academic Affairs and Advising and the University-wide Policy Committee. The recommendation was made to bring this discussion before the Faculty Senate at the March 6, 2024 meeting.
 - b. Grade Inflation. Faculty Senator Gerry Williger presented information about the significant creep in grade inflation at UofL to the Executive Committee. He asked that the matter be investigated. Faculty Senate Chair Eugene Mueller will take the request to the Provost.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sherri L. Wallace, Vice Chair