

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

February 5, 2025

### Meeting(s) Report

The faculty senate executive committee met once in January (Wednesday, 01.15) during our regularly scheduled meeting time from 3:00-5:00 PM. The meeting minutes from December 11, 2024, were unanimously approved at the meeting. The executive committee and standing committee reports were presented as information. Details are recorded in the meeting minutes. No motions for action were made.

### **Discussion & Guest Reports:**

1. OneIT Strategic Plan. Karlis Kaugars, Vice Provost for Information Technology Services and Chief Information Officer, presented the proposed plan to the XC for feedback/comments. Aligning with the UofL Learn, Discover, Connect and Work strategic pillars, Kaugars discussed the IT's plan to "improve [its] ability to protect, detect, and respond to technology threats within the modern environment of our digital spaces" and to meet 21<sup>st</sup> century technological needs. To this end, the OneIT plan outlines a strategy to: (1) build an integrated IT system at UofL and (2) expand digital capability and capacity. To build an integrating IT system, IT will enrich the customer and user experience, build common services at scale, and address digital inequity amongst units. To expand digital capability and capacity, IT plans to strengthen research computing, develop a modern, engaged IT workforce, and modernize core infrastructure. The current plan: <https://louisville.edu/its/oneit-uofl/>.
2. Intellectual Property Policy. The executive committee had a robust discussion on the proposed Intellectual Property Policy. The executive committee requested to review and compare a redlined version with the current version. Unfortunately, there were no representatives at the meeting to answer questions raised by XC members. For example: (1) What is the definition of "university resources," including salary and involvement of students as researchers/innovators/entrepreneurs, (2) What feedback was received from SGA? and (3) How does our policy compare with our peer institutions? Faculty Senator (Law) Enid Trucios-Haynes shared the current policy: <https://louisville.edu/policies/policies-and-procedures/pageholder/pol-intellectual-property>. Faculty Senate Chair Eugene Mueller will invite representatives to the February 5, 2025 meeting for open discussion.
3. December Faculty Senate Meeting. After considerable discussion on a proposed change to the Bylaws to address the ill-timed date(s) of the December meeting, which often conflicts with Reading Day or final exams, the XC recommended no change to the Bylaws and to instead use positive messaging to reaffirm the commitment to faculty governance and to recognize that the December meeting date(s) will always be inconvenient or challenging for some faculty senators at the end of each semester.
4. Revised Faculty Senate Reapportionment. Faculty Senator (Music) Amy Acklin, Chair of the Committee on Committees and Credentials, presented the reapportionment of faculty senate seats available for election in AY2025-26. The total number of seats is 70, resulting in the loss of one seat in the College of Arts and Sciences and gain of two seats in the School of Medicine (SOM). Given the (routine) increase in SOM seats, Vice Chair and XC Chair Sherri Wallace established the duly named "Ad-hoc Committee for Consideration of Faculty Senate's Senator Distribution," to review and recommend improvements to the faculty senate reapportionment process. The XC Senators who volunteered to serve are Amy Acklin (Music), Pat Harris (SOM), Enid Trucios-Haynes (Law), Eugene Mueller (A&S), Andrew Winters (Social Work) with Becky Patterson (IRADS), Staff Senate Representative. Senator Harris will identify one SOM faculty member, preferably clinical, from the SOM faculty senate caucus to represent this constituency. Proposed recommendations were requested by Fall 2025.

*Respectfully submitted,*

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