

Statement of the Faculty Senate

February 3, 2017

The Faculty Senate of the University of Louisville supports the Council on Post-Secondary Education's (CPE) letter, dated January 20, 2017, to Kentucky Senate President Robert Stivers regarding the recently filed legislation, Senate Bill 107. The Faculty Senate appreciates the efforts of Senate Bill 107 to define the processes governing the nomination, appointment, membership, and removal of the University's board members.

The CPE letter addresses several concerns about harmonizing the proposed legislation with the accreditation requirements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. The Faculty Senate supports CPE's suggested standards and appeals procedure for the removal of individual board members, as well as the suggested Nominations Committee certification process to verify membership compliance at the time of nomination. The Faculty Senate agrees with the concerns expressed in the CPE letter about removing an entire board.

The Faculty Senate also strongly recommends that the number of appointed trustees to the board of the University of Louisville is expanded to a total number of seventeen in order to ensure the broadest possible representation and to support the necessary committee work of the board. We support a board membership with a total of twenty board members, including the three elected constituent group representatives for the faculty, staff, and students.