

STATEMENT OF THE FACULTY SENATE

The Faculty Senate of the University of Louisville asserts that it is critically important to have broad faculty input, consultation, and advice on all matters related to tenure and promotion. Faculty primacy in this area is long-recognized as vital to protect academic freedom. On May 18, 2017, the Board of Trustees created an Ad Hoc Committee on Tenure and Nepotism Policy to review current tenure policies and practices.

The principles of shared governance require a process for wide faculty involvement, recognizing the summer workload for faculty on ten-month contracts who engage in research, scholarship and related work during June and July, often away from campus. Additional faculty groups should include tenured, tenure-track, term and part-time faculty, representing a wide range of programs from basic sciences to fine arts, as well as the AAUP chapter at UofL.

We propose that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, comprised of elected representatives from nearly all of these groups, provide this essential consultation.

Unanimously approved by the Faculty Senate on June 7, 2017.