

University of Louisville

Faculty Senate Meeting

January 11, 2012

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on January 11, 2012 at 3:00 P.M. in Chao Auditorium in the, on Belknap Campus, Robert Staat presiding.

Senators Registering Attendance

A&S –Beth Bradley, Jasmine Farrier, Dennis Hall, Mary Makris, John McLeod, Joseph Steffen, Elaine Wise, Wendy Yoder **CoB** – Robert Barker, Robert Myers **DENTISTRY** – Robert Staat, Dave Willis **EDUCATION** – Roger Buskill, Marion Hambrick, Thomas Simmons **LAW** – Kurt Metzmeier, Enid Trucios-Haynes **LIBRARIES** – Gail Gilbert, Terri Holtze, Margo Smith **MEDICINE** – Forest Arnold, Richard Downs, Pamela Feldhoff, Lawrence Hunt, Sham Kakar, Nobuyuki Kuwabara, Jeannie Roberts **MUSIC** – Ansyn Banks, Daniel Weeks, Krista Wallace-Boaz **NURSING** – Diane Chlebowy **PART-TIME** – Charlie baker, Joe Gutmann, Rose Mills, Susan Peacock **PUBLIC HEALTH** – Ray Austin **SPEED** – Suraj Alexander, Bruce Alphenaar, Nageshwar Bhaskar, Roger Bradshaw

Also Attending -

Ex Officio: James Ramsey, Shirley Willihnganz, Brent Fryrear, Jody Heil,
Others: Robert Fox, Melissa Laning, Bob Stenger, Diane Nichols,
and, Gretchen Henry, recording secretary
Press: Janene Zaccone (*U of L Today*)

Senators Not Registering Attendance -

A&S – Annette Allen, Elizabeth Grossi, Ron Sahoo **CoB** – Ben Foster, Bruce Kemelgor
DENTISTRY –Ricardo Caicedo, Donald Demuth **EDUCATION** –Daya Sandhu **KENT** – Sharon Bowland, Seana Golder, Wanda Lott Collins **MEDICINE** – Moataz El-Ghamry, Saeed Jortani, Brad Keller, Steven Myers, Steven Nakajima **NURSING** – Sandra Holmes, Celeste Shawler **PART-TIME** – Brian Barnes **PUBLIC HEALTH** – Ruth Carrico

ACTION: Consideration of the Minutes

The minutes of the December 7, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Dr. Hollace Cox – James Graham

Dr. James Graham gave a memorial in honor of Dr. Hollace Cox. Dr. Cox had served the University as a Faculty Senator from the Speed School for many years.

REPORT: Student Government Association – Jody Heil

Mr. Heil reported that the Rally for Higher Education will occur on February 7th and that students may request an excused absence from classes that day. Provost Willihnganz added that roll will be taken and students attending the rally will be excused.

REPORT: Staff Senate – Brent Fryrear

Mr. Fryrear reported that the Staff Senate did not meet in January and is exploring ways for its officers to be able to extend their elected terms to two years.

ACTION ITEM: Second reading of the REDBOOK section 4.3.3 – Willis

Senator Willis explained that the changes to REDBOOK 4.3.3 came about when Dean Halperin of the School of Medicine, had requested a clarification. The revision authorizes any unit to develop a faculty practice plan which, as a signed contract, would take precedence over REDBOOK 4.3.3. All Faculty Practice Plans must be reviewed by the unit faculty and approved by the Board of Trustees. The motion to approve came from the REDBOOK Committee, and therefore does not need a second. The Revisions passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: Call for Nominations – Holtze

As chair of the CCC, Senator Holtze sought nominations for the following 2 committees. All nominations should be sent to Senate Chair Staat, as soon as possible.

- **5year Review of VP Jackson (selected from a list to the Provost)**
- **Grievance Committee Chair (selected from a list to the President)**

REPORT: Status of the Libraries – Dean Fox

Dean Fox reported that the Libraries have developed its own strategic plan and scorecard to align with the University's. For six months, the University Libraries have done extensive internal work and are now ready to vet the plan, which was distributed to senators. There are three sections to the plan: relationships; development of the collection; and, creating an inviting space for users. Dean Fox asked for feedback and that it is sent to Melissa Laning, who is drafting the plan.

REPORT: Senior Associate VP for Communications and Marketing – Simpson

Ms. Simpson gave a brief overview of her background and how she came to the University. Ms. Simpson then made a Power Point presentation on the efforts to create a streamlined marketing and advertising campaign throughout the University. From sharing our good stories to exploring sponsorship opportunities, the Office of Communications and Marketing is working towards unifying the way the University presents itself.

REPORT: University Provost – Dr. Shirley Willihnganz

The Provost began her report by announcing that there will not be a tax levied on office paper. Applause followed. The governor will announce his budget on January 17th and until then, we have no idea what the cuts will be to higher education. It is possible cuts could go as high as 10%, but most think that 3-5% is more accurate. We will begin the usual hunt for money in places not yet uncovered. This will not be easy. After we see the budget, we will move forward and figure it out. Vice presidents and deans will be asked to comb through their budgets and she will reconvene the Budget Advisory Committee. The Provost praised Mike Curtin and Susan Ingram for their heroic efforts on behalf of the budget. She is issuing a hiring freeze, though there will be some exceptions for those already hired and/or offered a position, among others. There are many open lines that may free up some money. Dr. Tracy Eells is investigating this possibility. The big drop in graduate programs enrollment has become quite an issue, as we face the coming budget cuts. This creates a complicated set of variables to work through and to keep tuition affordable and to continue our academic initiatives. The Provost encouraged staying together for the common goal. With all the cuts in higher education that we have taken over the past 10 years, the Provost found it difficult to explain how the University has done so much with so little.

REPORT: University President – Dr. James Ramsey

President Ramsey began his Power Point presentation with a Frankfort overview. The main concerns there are the budget, the University of Pikeville, gaming, bridges and redistricting. A \$20M shortfall is a real possibility for us. Despite this stark reality, the President said that the University's budget, driven by the 2020 Plan, will adhere to sound revenue projections and data analysis to provide long-term financial stability for the University. Hopefully, this can be accomplished while maintaining the quality of students and faculty we have established and without any layoffs. He spoke about the Seven Strategies for Success and the revenue that will come from the tax increment financing plan on recently purchased downtown real estate and by increasing clinical practices. Disappointed by the failure of the merger, Dr. Ramsey said that the door is still open on that until June 14th. The Board of Trustees meets next week, and options that remain for the future of the hospital will be discussed. With the \$25 million dollar gift from Mr. Frazier, the Capital Campaign has reached a mid-year high of \$580M.

Committee Reports

Academic Programs Committee (APC)- Did not meet

Committee on Committees and Credentials (CCC)-As above on nominations for review committees.

Libraries Committee (FSCOL)- Did not meet

Part-time Faculty Committee (PTFC)-Online

Planning & Budget Committee (P&B)- Did not meet

Redbook & Bylaws Committee (RB)-

Executive Committee (XC)- Online

Other Reports

Academic Technology Committee (ATC) – This report was available online.

Bookstore Advisory Committee – This committee has not met this semester.

Commission on the Status of Women (COSW) – This report was available online.

Dining Services Committee - This committee has not met this semester.

Employee Assistance Program (EAP) – Still needs a faculty representative.

Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) – A report will be made next month.

Human Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC) – This report was available online.

Parking Advisory Committee (PAC) – This committee has not met this semester.

Student Care Team – No report was made.

Chair's Report – Robert Staat

This report was available online.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Announcements

The Faculty Senate will meet again on February 1, 2012 at 3 p.m. in the Chao Auditorium, Ekstrom Library, Belknap Campus.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5 P.M

Gretchen Stein Henry
Faculty Senate Secretary