

**UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
JULY 6, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on July 6, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the Chao Auditorium, Ekstrom Library, Belknap Campus, Pamela Feldhoff presiding.

**Senators Registering Attendance:**

**ARTS & SCIENCES:** Beth Bradley, Carrie Donald, Jasmine Farrier, John Ferre, Karen Hadley, David Simpson, Joseph Steffen, Christopher Tillquist, Beth Willey **BUSINESS:** Ben Foster, Robert Myers **DENTISTRY:** Lee Mayer, Robert Staat **EDUCATION:** Sherri Brown, Monica Delano **KENT:** Seana Golder, Martin Hall, Lesley Harris **LAW:** Kurt Metzmeier, JoAnne Sweeny, Enid Trucios-Haynes **LIBRARIES:** Carrie Daniels, Terri Holtze **MEDICINE:** Pamela Feldhoff, Brad Keller, Chin Ng, David Stirling, Brian Wang **PART-TIME FACULTY:** Roy Fuller, Susan Peacock **PUBLIC HEALTH:** Kristina Zierold **SPEED:** Roger Bradshaw, Kyung Kang

**Also Attending:**

Provost: Dr. Neville Pinto

Staff Senate: Ginger Brown

*UofL Today:* Alicia Kelso

Guests: Kyeland Jackson, Patricia Gagne, Nancy Theriot, Susan Jarosi

**Senators Not Registering Attendance:**

**ARTS & SCIENCES:** David Owen, Clare Sullivan **BUSINESS:** Rob Barker, Reg Bruce, Bruce Kemelgor **DENTISTRY:** Ricardo Caicedo, Don Demuth **EDUCATION:** Justin Cooper Caroline Sheffield **MEDICINE:** Yousef Abu-Kwaik, Murali Ankem, Forest Arnold, Eric Burton, Luz Fernandez, Kendra Grubb, Saeed Jortani, Patrick Harris, Gerald Larson, Rainer Lenhardt, Kenneth Palmer, Michael Tseng, Jeffery Weihing **MUSIC:** Randi Bolding, Sidney King, Krista Wallace-Boaz **NURSING:** Tim Crawford, Heather Owens, Valerie McCarthy **PART-TIME FACULTY:** Joseph Gutmann, Rose Mills, John Ritz, Michael Wade **PUBLIC HEALTH:** Scott LaJoie **SPEED:** J.P. Mohsen, Jacek Zurada

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ACTION ITEM: Approval of June 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes – Feldhoff**

The June minutes were approved unanimously as distributed.

**REPORT: Staff Senate – Brown**

The Staff Senate met on June 13<sup>th</sup>. The meeting began with a moment of silence in recognition of the passing of Senator Stephen Cotton. The Senate elections were held and Will Armstrong was elected Chair, Vickie Tencer, Vice Chair and Sabrina Haug, Secretary/Treasurer. The membership of the Senate was increased to 99 members, to reflect the increase in staff. Ms. Jeanell Hughes updated the Senate on upcoming parking changes, the Fair Labor Act and searches. The new AVP for Facilities Management, Jim Sears was introduced. The Executive Committee met with President Ramsey and Provost Pinto to discuss the spending plan for the 2% salary increase.

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**REPORT: Student Government Association – Cooksey**

No report was made.

**ACTION ITEM: REDBOOK Committee - Metzmeier**

- **Second reading** – CEHD revised personnel documents
  - These documents were posted on the Senate’s web site several months ago. The committee requested clarification after concerns were raised. Once the concerns were satisfactorily answered, the committee felt the document met the minimum guidelines. As there was no discussion, the revisions passed unanimously.
- **First reading** – School of Music bylaws with mission statement
  - The document is on the Senate’s web site. A discussion and vote will take place at the September meeting.

**ACTION ITEM: Governor’s Executive Orders regarding the UofL Board of Trustees – Feldhoff**

Since the special meeting, held last week on June 29<sup>th</sup>, the Executive Committee has drafted a statement as a response to the governor’s executive orders and reorganization of the Board of Trustees. Chair Feldhoff commended and thanked the Executive Committee for its hard work on drafting the statement. Chair Feldhoff read the statement and then asked Vice Chair Trucios-Haynes explained the reasoning the Executive Committee used to develop it: the first paragraph stated the overall concern; the second, reiterated the information by rephrasing the statute (KRS 164.821); the third paragraph addresses the University’s governing documents, academic freedom and SACS reaffirmation; and the fourth is a closing statement. A brief discussion took place that revised several sentences. Asked to whom the statement is addressed, Chair Feldhoff said that had not been discussed. She would like to speak with University Counsel before anything is sent out. A discussion regarding the recipients of the statement took place. Possibilities were the full UofL faculty, the governor, CPE, and legislators. Senator Metzmeier pointed out that a statement from the Faculty Senate does not have to be addressed to anyone. Senator Willey suggested a friendly amendment requesting an extra seat on the Board of Trustees for an AAUP representative. Chair Feldhoff replied that this is to address the executive orders and asking for something unrelated would derail this very succinct statement. Discussion took place on Senator Foster’s statement that the Faculty Senate had not issued any statements on past issues, i.e. Dean Felner or the VSIP program, which, in some opinions, rendered this action both hypocritical and political. Chair Feldhoff said that none of those issues had brought up the action for a special meeting or for creating a statement. Senator Keller also replied that this is a bigger issue than past mistakes – affecting our Board of Trustees and could happen over and over. Some senators wanted to point out the reduction in the number of board members, the SACS review and the necessity for a “legally-appointed” board. After a few changes, Vice Chair Trucios-Haynes read the statement. A vote was taken and the statement, as revised at this meeting, passed unanimously.

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**REPORT: University Provost – Pinto**

Dr. Pinto updated the Senate on several topics, including the following:

- **Enrollment**

- This year he is approaching enrollment for fall in a slightly different way. Where we used to focus heavily on the incoming freshman class, we will be broadening our enrollment efforts to include other student groups. The enrollment target went into our budget plan, so it is a very important number. The tuition revenue is a very significant part of our overall budget. This year's enrollment increase will generate ~\$4M. The quality of students applying is increasing, as well.

- **Searches**

- A Title IX Coordinator has been hired. Mr. Brain Bigelow has started.
- The Ombudsman position has been temporarily filled by Dr. Robert Staat, until the position is filled.
- Dr. Rohan Christie-David has accepted a position at the University of Colorado at Denver. An appointment of an interim dean will be forthcoming
- Vice Provost for Student Success & Enrollment Management – There are currently 5 candidates being interviewed. On July 8<sup>th</sup>, the committee will recommend 2 candidates as finalists.
- Upcoming searches to begin for the Law School and Speed School.

- **Summer Activities**

- The final film, *Inside Out*, is July 22<sup>nd</sup> on the Oval.

- **Questions**

- Addressing a concern regarding the Board of Trustees issues and the seating of the new dean of the Kent School, Dr. Pinto said he will start on August 1, no matter what happens. The governor told President Ramsey to conduct University business, as usual.
- Regarding the budget, Dr. Pinto said the University had a deadline of July 1, to pass a budget for fiscal year 2017. When that failed, President Ramsey contacted the governor.
  - Key decisions must be made for the University to move forward. What the University is operating on is a spending plan, based on the budget that was presented.
  - The Credit for Credit program, where a student completing 30 credits in 1 academic year receives a \$400 credit, was based on a 4% tuition increase and a 5% credit.
- With over 600 part-time faculty serving the University, they are never mentioned when a salary increase is discussed. Dr. Pinto said he is aware of this. For those who are 40%, or more, the funds should be used to increase their salary and not to hire more part-time faculty.
- A concern was raised regarding the recruitment of international students who are not qualified for programs and the impact that can have on a unit/program. Dr. Pinto said

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he is aware of the fraud that takes place and is very sensitive to the students recruited to UofL.

**DISCUSSION ITEM: Matters of Interest to the Faculty Senate – Feldhoff**

Chair Feldhoff asked the Senate if it had any issues to discuss at the September meeting. Issues that were mentioned included:

- If the Board of Trustees meets before the Faculty Senate and President Ramsey resigns, what is the process to replace him? Chair Feldhoff replied that the Board is scheduled to meet for its annual retreat on July 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, though there is no guarantee that will happen, even though it is scheduled. That is also the time that the President has his annual review. She will keep the Senate abreast of what happens.

**REPORT: Faculty Senate Chair – Feldhoff**

Chair Feldhoff covered several topics, including:

- At the June meeting, President Ramsey spoke about an NSF report on grant funding. She would like to clarify that was not only on NSF research.
- The Board of Trustees is scheduled meet later in July. If she hears anything concerning the Board and its activities, she will communicate with the Senate.
- City Café will remain open on HSC until the new restaurant is ready.

**REPORT: Standing Committees**

- **Academic Programs Committee (APC) – Demuth**
  - No report was made
- **Committee on Committees & Credentials (CCC) – Foster**
  - No report was made
- **Part-time Faculty Committee (PTF) – Peacock**
  - This committee did not meet.
- **Planning & Budget Committee (P&B) – Hadley**
  - This committee did not meet.
- **REDBOOK Committee (RB) – Metzmeier**
  - As above in ACTION ITEM. The unit documents for Public Health and the Law school are in the pipeline.
- **Executive Committee (XC) – Trucios-Haynes**
  - This committee worked on the above statement.

**OTHER REPORTS: University-Wide Committees**

Senator Staat mentioned that Elaine Wise's FAR report was excellent.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Once University Counsel has cleared the statement for sharing, Chair Feldhoff will send it out to the full Senate.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- There is no Faculty Senate meeting in August.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gretchen Henry  
Faculty Senate Coordinator