

**University of Louisville**  
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
March 2, 2022

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on March 2, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. online on the TEAMS Platform, Chair David Schultz presiding.

**SENATORS REGISTERING ATTENDANCE**

**A&S:** Simone Bertacco, Michael Cunningham, Linda Fuselier, Karen Hadley, Ann Hall, Eugene Mueller, Natalie Polzer, David Schultz, Christopher Tillquist, Sherri Wallace, Gerard Williger **BUSINESS:** Robert Barker, Jose Fernandez, Kathleen Gosser, Dale McIntosh **DENTISTRY:** Wil Abshier, Kathleen Fischer, James Harrison, Brian Marrillia **EDUCATION:** Evan Frederick, Susan Longerbeam **KENT:** Jocelyn Fetalver, Martin Hall, Jennifer Middleton **LAW:** Enid Trucios-Haynes, Manning Warren **LIBRARIES:** Robert Detmering, Tifney Gipson, Terri Holtze **MEDICINE:** Joshua Choo, Barbara Clark, Geoffrey Clark, Jennifer Hamm, Patrick Harris, Bethany Hodge, Chin Ng, Vinay Puri, Guillermo Rougier, Ben Schoenbachler, Brian Williams **MUSIC:** Rebecca Jemian, Chad Sloan **NURSING:** Kristin Baisch, Lynette Galloway **PART-TIME FACULTY:** Roy Fuller, Joseph Gutmann, Tina Johnson, Tim Roberts **PUBLIC HEALTH:** Lee Bewley **SPEED:** Roger Bradshaw, Olfa Nasraoui, Roman Yampolskiy

**GUESTS ATTENDING**

**UNIVERSITY PROVOST:** Dr. Gerard Bradley  
**STAFF SENATE REPRESENTATIVE:** Ms. Ginger Brown  
**STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE:** Ms. Alexa Meza  
**PROGRAM PROPOSERS:** Dr. Avery Kolers, Dr. Lauren Freeman  
**PROVOST OFFICE DESIGNEE:** Dr. Cherie Dawson  
**UofL TODAY:** Ms. Talia Horn  
**ULARP:** Ms. Elaine Wise

**ALSO ATTENDING**

Kari Aikins, Douglas Craddock, Gail DePuy, Kristina Doan, Heather Fox, Erin Gerber, Leslie Harper, Sarah Lopez, Mary Elizabeth Miles, Susan Ryan, Bob Stenger, Chris Wooten

**SENATORS NOT REGISTERING ATTENDANCE**

**EDUCATION:** Michele Foster, Carla Vidoni **LAW:** Luke Milligan **MEDICINE:** Yousef Abu-Kwaik, Kellen Choi, Kimmerly Harrel, Saeed Jortani, MaryNan Mallory, Katherine Pohlgeers, Craig Silverman **MUSIC:** Krista Wallace-Boaz **NURSING:** Candace Harrington **PART-TIME FACULTY:** Arron Ellis, Rose Mills **PUBLIC HEALTH:** Ryan Combs **SPEED:** Jacek Zurada

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ACTION ITEM: Approval of the [February minutes - Schultz](#)**

The minutes were approved as distributed and are linked above.

**REPORT: Student Government - Meza**

Ms. Meza reported on the following topics.

**SGA Elections** – Elections will begin next week for the new student government leadership.

**Peace Center** – The Peace Center is a safe place for students who have experienced trauma. SGA leaders are looking for ways for the center to better serve students.

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**Course Materials Donation Drive** - A drive for donations to the Course Materials Loan Program is currently underway. The program will launch in the fall semester for students. Needed materials include I-clickers, lab goggles, calculators and the like.

**REPORT: Staff Senate – Brown**

The Staff Senate met on February 8<sup>th</sup> and heard from President Gonzalez and Brian Buford of the Employee Success Center. An informal listening session on the upcoming presidential search was held by Board of Trustees Chair Mary Nixon and Vice Chair Raymond Burse. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> on the TEAMS platform. This report is online and linked above.

**REPORT: Faculty Senate Chair - Schultz**

Chair Schultz's report is online and linked above.

**Administration Searches**

- **Presidential Search** – A Request for Proposals (RFP) was sent out to potential search firms. The deadline to submit a proposal is today, March 2, 2022.
- **Presidential Search RFP Review Committee** - A committee has been established that will review the submitted proposals from potential search firms. Ms. Mary Nixon, the chair of the Board of Trustees will chair this committee. Other committee members are board members Dr. Raymond Burse, Ms. Diane Medley, Mr. Scott Brinkman, Mr. Jim Scott, Faculty Senate Chair David Schultz, Staff Senate Chair John Smith and SGA President Ugonna Okorie. The committee will review the proposals by March 11<sup>th</sup> and then a round of interviews will take place.
- **Athletic Director Search** – The planning committee for the search is co-chaired between Dr. Schultz and Ms. Dani Kelly, head coach of the women's volleyball team. The plan is to solicit a broad range of input from various groups that include the campus, local and fan communities. A report will be sent to the president by May 15, 2022.
- **Master Plan RFP**– The university is undertaking a master plan for all three campuses. A Request for Proposals (RFP) has been sent out and a committee formed to review the submissions. Interviews for the firms will take place in March with a selection some time after that.
- **Executive Budget Steering Committee** – This committee has met and discussed the Cardinal Commitment Program that was recently announced. The program was developed for Pell-eligible students who, after all financial aid is awarded, still have a financial gap that prevents them from remaining at UofL. The program covers the gap for those students who meet the program's requirements.
- **UofL Health System Employee Tuition** – There is a committee studying the effects of this and other similar programs in the pipeline and their impact on tuition revenue distribution.
- **Parking** – Within the report, there is a chart that shows the fees for 2022-2023. They are the rates that were approved several years ago but never implemented.

**Question:** Is the Cardinal Commitment Program for current students or those who have already left the university?

**Reply:** It is available for fall 2022 for incoming Kentucky freshmen who meet the program's requirements. [Cardinal Commitment Grant](#).

**Question:** Has anything been decided about the scooter situation?

**Reply:** That falls under operations and Mark Watkins area. He is going to contact one of the scooter companies and see what can be worked out about the high number of scooters on campus.

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**REPORT: Interim University Provost - Bradley**

Dr. Bradley spoke on several topics.

**Enrollment** – Last fall’s enrollment was down in undergraduate students and more so in what was projected for the professional schools. Both Dentistry and Medicine were down, due mostly to attrition. Coming into this spring semester, enrollment looked about \$3M down from projections. The actual enrollment numbers were down, but better than originally thought and ended up about \$1.5M less than the original projection. For next year, things are looking up as applications and admissions are up for fall.

**State Budget** – The state legislature and governor’s budgets include funding for UofL projects, including Bucks for Brains and a new building at the Speed School.

**COVID** –The COVID committees have been discussing the efficacy of testing now that infection rates are declining. Testing will continue until April 1, 2022. The reason for that is it is after spring break and will allow time to monitor any changes as students return to campus.

**Cardinal Commitment Grant** – This is a program initiated out of the Enrollment Management office. To be eligible for the program, students must be a Kentucky resident, Pell eligible and must be a first year student enrolled full time at UofL for the fall 2022 semester. This program is intended to cover the gap in costs not paid by all other aid.

**Question:** As Covid infection rates continue to decline, are there discussions of moving back to in person classes, and less online?

**Reply:** When the pandemic hit, courses went online as quickly as possible to get students on a virtual platform. Not all courses are designed to be online and some did not transfer the same quality as in person. The data shows that most students perform better with in person instruction. Looking forward, if an in person course is moved to online, it should be done the best way possible.

**Question:** Do you know why enrollment was down in Medicine?

**Reply:** It is believed enrollment was down due to the impact Covid had on the practice of medicine. It changed how some students perceived medicine as a career choice.

**ACTION ITEM: REDBOOK Committee - Second Reading – A&S Personnel Document. – Detmering**

The changes were not extensive and focused on voting policies related to promotion and tenure cases. As the revisions were approved by the REDBOOK Committee, no second was necessary. There was no discussion and the revised documents were approved.

**ACTION ITEM: Academic Programs Committee - MA in AP – Health Care Ethics - Hadley**

Senator Karen Hadley, chair of the Academic Programs Committee introduced the proposers of the program, Dr. Lauren Freeman and Dr. Avery Kolers. Dr. Kolers explained that the program started in the Graduate School 14 years ago as an interdisciplinary studies major with a focus in healthcare ethics. Because of its growth, the proposal seeks to move the program to the College of Arts and Sciences to have more curricular oversight. All the classes are already being taught, so there is no budget impact. The change requires a new Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) code, so it must come before the Senate and the Council on Secondary Education in Frankfort. After a brief discussion, the proposal was approved.

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**REPORTS: Standing Committees**

- **Academic Programs – Hadley**
  - The committee reviewed and approved the MA in Applied Philosophy – Healthcare Ethics. The committee is now reviewing the proposed Six Sigma Black Belt graduate certificate from the Speed School.
- **Committee on Committees & Credentials – Jemian**
  - Elections will take place at the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting for the offices of chair and vice chair and all open seats on the standing and university-wide committees. The Faculty Senate bylaws state that all senators must run for a committee before or during their second year on the senate.
- **[Executive Committee](#) – Mueller**
  - This report is online and linked above.
- **Part-time Faculty – Fuller**
  - This committee has gathered data on the number of courses taught by part-time faculty that are canceled each semester. This is a concern for part-time faculty because when a course is canceled close to the start date, the preparations and the time are wasted with no compensation.
- **Planning & Budget – Harris**
  - This committee reviewed the budget for the MA in Applied Philosophy in Healthcare Ethics. It is currently reviewing the budget for the Speed School’s proposal for a Six Sigma Black Belt graduate certificate.
- **[REDBOOK & Bylaws](#) – Detmering**
  - This committee reviewed the A&S revised personal policy that was approved earlier in this meeting. The School of Medicine bylaws and personnel documents will be presented for a first reading in April. The committee continues to work with Kent School on its revised bylaws.
  - This report is online and linked above.

**OTHER REPORTS**

- **AAUP Representative – Cunningham**
  - The AAUP is awaiting further developments on the presidential search.
- **CODRE Representative – Harris**
  - There was no report.
- **[COSW Representative](#) - Nasraoui**
  - This report is online and linked above.
- **[ULARP Representative](#) - Wise**
  - This report is online and linked above.

**UNIT UPDATES - Schultz**

This new section to the agenda is a way for senators to highlight and promote activities in their unit.

- **College of Business** – Senator McIntosh highlighted his colleague, Senator Kathy Gosser who was instrumental in Yum Brands choosing UofL for its [Taco Bell University](#).
- **School of Music** – Senator Jemian highlighted the recently held live concerts. Last week, the school held a wonderfully successful jazz week and before that hosted the National Conference

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of Orchestra Conductors. Senator Jemian invited senators to attend one of many concerts at the [School of Music](#) (concert calendar link).

- **Astronomy** – Senator Gerard Williger announced that his department holds public astronomy talks called [Astronomy on Tap](#) at Monnick Beer Company on Burnett Street.
- **Arts & Sciences** – Senator Tim Roberts will speak next month at IU Southeast’s Adjunct Faculty Scholars Conference. His talk will be ‘Everything I learned about teaching, I learned from reading Marvel comic books’.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Meeting Format** – One of the goals that Chair Schultz had when he took office was to return to in person meetings. IT has reserved rooms for video conferencing. The intention is to have a place on HSC and another one on Belknap, so senators will not have to travel to either campus for meetings. Tests will be run in the next couple of weeks to make sure the system works as planned.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gretchen Henry  
Faculty Senate Coordinator