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FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on September 7, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the Chao Auditorium in Ekstrom Library and online on the TEAMS Platform, Chair Eugene Mueller presiding.

SENATORS REGISTERING ATTENDANCE

A&S: Michael Cunningham, Bonnie Fonseca-Greber, Karen Hadley, Eugene Mueller, Natalie Polzer, David Schultz, Christopher Tillquist, Sherri Wallace, Gerard Williger, Xiang Zhang **BUSINESS:** Jose Fernandez, Kathleen Gosser, Dale McIntosh **DENTISTRY:** James Harrison **EDUCATION:** Ann Herd, Carla Vidoni **KENT:** Martin Hall, Jennifer Middleton, Andrew Winters **LAW:** Enid Trucios-Haynes **LIBRARIES:** Robert Detmering, Tiffney Gipson **MEDICINE:** Joshua Choo, Jennifer Hamm, Patrick Harris, Lauren Herrmann, Chin Ng, Guillermo Rougier, Scott Silva, Jonathan Warawa, Brian Williams **MUSIC:** Amy Acklin, Rebecca Jemian, Chad Sloan **NURSING:** Lynette Galloway, Candace Harrington, Amy Higdon **PART-TIME FACULTY:** Aaron Ellis, Roy Fuller, Joseph Gutmann, Tina Johnson, Ramie Martin-Galijatovic **PUBLIC HEALTH:** Ryan Combs, Lee Bewley, Kira Taylor **SPEED:** Tom Berfield, Roger Bradshaw, Robert Cohn, Olfa Nasraoui

GUESTS ATTENDING

UNIVERSITY PROVOST: Dr. Gail DePuy

STAFF SENATE REPRESENTATIVE: Mr. Mike Materna

PROVOST OFFICE DESIGNEE: Dr. Cherie Dawson

ULARP REPRESENTATIVE: Ms. Elaine Wise

UofL Today: Mr. Chris Wooton

ALSO ATTENDING

Douglas Craddock, Leslie Harper, Sarah Lopez, Ryan Quinn, Melissa Shuter

SENATORS NOT REGISTERING ATTENDANCE

DENTISTRY: Wil Abshier, Kathleen Fischer **EDUCATION:** Meg Hancock, Susan Longerbeam **LAW:** Lisa Nicholson, Manning Warren **LIBRARIES:** Angel Clemons **MEDICINE:** Forest Arnold, Barbara Clark, Geoffrey Clark, Saeed Jortani, Mary Nan Mallory, Vinay Puri, Ben Schoenbachler, Victoria Statler **PART-TIME FACULTY:** Rose Mills

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the [July Minutes - Schultz](#)

The minutes are linked above and were approved as distributed.

PASSING THE GAVEL - Schultz/Mueller

As is tradition, the incoming chair, Dr. Eugene Mueller presented the outgoing chair, Dr. David Schultz with a commemorative gavel.

MEMORIAL: [Professor Michael Hottois – Gutmann](#)

Senator Joseph Gutmann read the memorial for Professor Michal Hottois. The memorial is linked above.

REPORT: Interim University President – Gonzalez

President Gonzalez highlighted several topics.

- [Freshman Class](#) – This year's freshman class is the largest in UofL history with 2944 first-time students.
- [New Residence Halls](#) – Two new residence halls are open on Belknap Campus near the Student Activities Center. Once approved by the Board of Trustees, they will be named Belknap Village North and Belknap Village South. Denny Crum Hall, located across from the Planet Fitness Kueber Center on South

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Floyd Street is a public/private partnership (P3). A P3 designation means that UofL owns the land and a private entity built it. Revenues from housing will pay for the building.

- **[Center for Engaged Learning](#)** – The ribbon cutting will take place soon for the new center located on the first floor of the newest residence hall. Contact the CEL (CEL@louisville.edu) for more information on how to include an experiential learning opportunity in a course.
- **[LGBTQ Best of the Best](#)** – UofL has once again been recognized as one of the Best of the Best LGBTQ - friendly universities.
- **Student Mental Health** – UofL recently joined with the [JED Foundation](#) to focus on the prevention of mental health issues. This will bring so many resources to students. The foundation looks at our campus to see if we have the right prevention things in place.
- **Military News** – The General Assembly appropriated \$600K to renovate space for military-connected students. This will be in the former International Programs building on Belknap Campus. UofL was designated a military-friendly campus because we believe in helping those who served our country.
- **[Strategic Plan](#)** – A retreat for the Board of Trustees to study and discuss the plan is scheduled in November. The plan should be ready to implement in January.
- **State Funds** – In addition to the \$600K appropriated for the Military Center, UofL received \$65M for a new engineering building; \$10M for Bucks for Brains and endowed positions; \$200K for a piece of dental equipment for the Red Bird Clinic in Eastern Kentucky; and \$80M for asset preservation (repairs only, not renovations). UofL has to provide \$.30 for each dollar for each dollar, which was accomplished by setting a student facilities fee.
- **Board of Trustees** – Some new initiatives are underway and will come to fruition. Kentucky was chosen for a joint initiative by the Gardner by the [Gardner Institute for Excellence in Undergraduate Education](#) and the Association of Governing Boards ([AGB](#)) to train boards on how to understand student success. There have been three workshops so far, and another will be held with the UofL Board of Trustees on September 18th. UofL is the only R1 institution that is participating, and UofL has had the largest number of board members participating every time. The only other public institution is Morehead. The Board of Trustees has a great interest in equity and student success on our campus.

ACTION ITEM: [Approval of Faculty Senate Meeting Calendar](#) – Mueller

The proposed meeting calendar is linked above and was unanimously approved.

REPORT: Student Government – Sebastian

No report was made.

REPORT: [Staff Senate](#) – Materna

Mr. Materna reported on the Staff Senate meeting that was held on July 12. The VP Budget & Finance, Mr. Rick Graycarek updated the Senate on the budget.

REPORT: Faculty Senate Chair - Mueller

Having just assumed the chairmanship, Dr. Mueller will report next month.

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REPORT: Interim University Provost's Office – DePuy

Dr. Gail DePuy, the Interim Senior Vice Provost, updated the Senate on happenings in the Provost's Office.

- **Student Retention** – The President has already reported that this is the largest freshman class in the university's history, and the Provost's Office is spearheading efforts to retain them. The Provost Office is working with the deans to build on each other's retention efforts, not duplicate them. The faculty will play a huge role in these efforts.
- **Searches** – Current dean searches include the following.
 - A&S – The search will be completed by the end of this calendar year. University Libraries Dean Bob Fox is the chair of the search committee.
 - Kent School – This search will also be completed by the end of this calendar year. Music Dean Teresa Reed will chair the search committee.
 - Business and Nursing – These searches are scheduled to take place in spring 2023.
 - Education – This search is tentatively set for fall 2023.
 - Other Searches
 - Vice Provost of Online Strategy and Teaching Innovation - Greenwood Asher is the search firm for this search. This position is comparable to the one recently held by Dr. Gail Rhodes but has been slightly modified. The position has been slightly modified to increase enrollment and growth in online learning. The job description has been posted, and the search will conclude by the end of this calendar year.
 - Chief Cyber Security Officer – This search is already underway. There is a strong pool of applicants, and the interviews will begin soon.
- **Vaccine Updates**
 - **COVID** – Currently, Campus Health has the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines for primary series and the new Pfizer and Moderna bivalent Covid booster vaccines. All faculty, staff and students are eligible and can [sign up online](#).
 - **Monkeypox** – Though no cases have been reported, UofL is taking steps to be prepared. Campus Health has launched a [webpage dedicated to monkeypox](#).
 - **Flu** – The [flu vaccine schedule](#) is online.
- **Demographic 25 Committee** – The number of traditional college age students (18 years old) is going to take a sharp decline in 2025. In preparation for that eventuality, the Demographic 25 Committee was formed, made up of nine subcommittees. Altogether, 70–80 people worked on this committee for eight months. Each subcommittee developed strategies to help mitigate these challenges, and the committee presented their action plans to Dr. Gonzalez and Dr. Bradley on August 19th. The proposals tackled a number of different topics, including online learning, academic program quality, institutional aid, and recruitment. The president and provost are now reviewing those proposals and will determine what the university will prioritize in the short and long term.

ACTION ITEM: Proposal for Franchise Management Certificate - Hadley

Committee Chair Senator Hadley introduced Senator Kathleen Gosser, proposer of the certificate program. The program documents are linked above. After a brief explanation of the program, it passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEM: Workday Update – Shuter

Ms. Shuter updated the Senate on Workday implementation progress. There will be quick reference guides for all users and training for those who hire and recruit. Over 180 different training materials will be released in early November.

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INFORMATION ITEM: CEHD Unit Documents – Updated Information – Detmering

At the July Faculty Senate meeting, the revised College of Education and Human Development bylaws were approved. Afterwards, the College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) discovered a minor editing error. A phrase that appeared in the original version submitted to the REDBOOK Committee was not carried over to the final version approved by Faculty Senate. The phrase in question pertains to the composition of the CEHD Personnel Committee and ensures that that committee includes an elected at large faculty representative from the human development departments within the unit. This phrase is consistent with the overall framework of the CEHD bylaws and did not raise any concerns when initially reviewed by the Redbook committee. Because of that, the Redbook Committee determined that the correction of the error could go forward without another vote of the full Faculty Senate.

REPORTS: Standing Committees

- **Academic Programs – Harrington**
 - The proposal for a Franchise Management Certificate was unanimously approved. Senator Candace Harrington was elected committee chair.
- **Committee on Committees & Credentials**
 - Senator Kathy Gosser was elected committee chair.
- **Executive Committee – Detmering**
 - This report is linked above.
- **Part-time Faculty - Fuller**
 - Senator Roy Fuller was reelected committee chair.
- **Planning & Budget - Harris**
 - This report is linked above.
- **REDBOOK & Bylaws – Detmering**
 - This report is linked above.

OTHER REPORTS

- **AAUP Representative – Cunningham**
 - AAUP members are concerned with the limited information from the W3 Committee on compensation and total rewards. AAUP is looking forward to the outcomes of the Provost's A&S Strategic Planning Committee and of the Presidential Search.
- **CODRE Representative – Rougier**
 - CODRE met August 15, under the new leadership of Connie Martinez. Mr. Lee Gill Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion spoke to commissioners.
- **COSW Representative – Nasraoui**
 - This report is linked above.
- **Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) - Wallace-Boaz**
 - A report will be made next month.
- **ULARP Representative – Wise**
 - This report is linked above.

OLD BUSINESS

None

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- **Follett/University Bookstore** – Senator Dale McIntosh brought up an issue concerning the Follett/University Bookstore. This semester, the University Book Store went to a third party for digital access, and this unannounced switch has caused student confusion and frustration. The Provost’s Office will follow up with the Procurement Office. A brief discussion took place concerning the lack of communication to faculty.
- **Blackboard Issues** – Senator Guillermo Rougier brought up an issue with the storage in Blackboard and the reduced size of files that can be uploaded. Also, past courses that are over 15 months old are now archived. A request must be made to have a course brought up from storage and is only available for a couple weeks. These issues of file size and the availability of materials are severe handicaps. Chair Mueller said he would bring up both issues when he meets with Provost Bradley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Gerard Williger (A&S/Astronomy) announced that an astronomy discussion will take place at 6PM on Wednesday evenings following the Faculty Senate meetings at Monnik Beer Co. (1036 E. Burnett Ave.).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Henry
Senate Coordinator