

UNIVERSITY of LOUISVILLE

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2023

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on December 6, 2023 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, Rachel Neal, Natalie Polzer, Christopher Tillquist, Sherri Wallace, Gerard Williger, Xiang Zhang **BUSINESS:** Ben Foster, Kathleen Gosser **DENTISTRY:** Tiffany McPheeters, Jolene Zirnheld **EDUCATION:** Ann Herd **KENT:** Shantel Crosby, Martin Hall, Andrew Winters **LAW:** Enid Trucios-Haynes **LIBRARIES:** Angel Clemons, Tiffney Gipson-Goodwin, Rachel Howard **MEDICINE:** Matthew black, Geoffrey Clark, Patrick Harris, Saeed Jortani, Guillermo Rougier, Ben Schoenbachler, Scott Silva, Hugh Shoff, Victoria Statler **MUSIC:** Amy Acklin, Allison Ogden, Chad Sloan **NURSING:** Lynette Galloway, Frances Hardin-Fanning, Amy Higdon **PART-TIME FACULTY:** Aaron Ellis, Roy Fuller, Joseph Gutmann, Tina Johnson, Ramie Martin-Galijatovic, Tim Roberts **PUBLIC HEALTH:** Lee Bewley, Jelani Kerr, Kira Taylor **SPEED:** Thomas Berfield, Adrian Lauf, Olfa Nasraoui

GUESTS ATTENDING

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Dr. Kim Schatzel
UNIVERSITY PROVOST: Dr. Gerry Bradley
EVP-RESEARCH & INNOVATION: Dr. Kevin Gardner
KENT SCHOOL DEAN: Dr. John Miller
STAFF SENATE REPRESENTATIVE: Ms. Becky Patterson
STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE: Mr. Sawyer Depp
PROVOST OFFICE DESIGNEE: Dr. Cherie Dawson
PROVOST OFFICE: Ms. Sarah Lopez
ULARP REPRESENTATIVE: Ms. Elaine Wise

ALSO ATTENDING

Martin O'Toole, Whitney Sweeney-Martin, Alexandria Underwood, Alex Williams

SENATORS NOT REGISTERING ATTENDANCE

BUSINESS: Jose Fernandez, Dale McIntosh **DENTISTRY:** James Harrison, Justin Whitney
EDUCATION: Cesar Barrabi, Meg Hancock, Carla Vidoni **LAW:** Daniel Canon, Lisa Nicholson **MEDICINE:** Forest Arnold, Joshua Choo, Barbara Clark, Jennifer Hamm, Lauren Herrmann, Jonathan Warawa, Alex Williams, Brian Williams **SPEED:** Roger Bradshaw

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the [November Minutes](#) - Mueller

The November minutes were approved and are linked above.

INTRODUCTION: Kent School Dean, Dr. John Miller - Mueller

Dean Miller of the Kent School of Social Work & Family Science was introduced to the Senate. Dr. Miller spoke of his path to UofL and his plans to grow Kent School programs and partnerships.

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REPORT: Interim University Provost - Bradley

Dr. Bradley updated the Senate on the six-year graduation rate progress and predictions, enrollment and retention, accreditation, administrative searches, artificial intelligence and its committee, and the Faculty Compensation Study.

UPDATE: Research Strategic Plan & General Report - Gardner

Dr. Gardner reported on initiatives to foster research, scholarship, and creative activity. He also reported on the strategic plan and updates to the Cayuse research administration system. His office recently rolled out a digital science product called Dimensions, which cross-references various works from clinical trials to patents to grants and publications. A search on a subject returns a list of all entries in the program on that subject.

REPORT: Student Government – Depp

Mr. Depp reported that he is looking into holding a book sale, as had been done in the past.

REPORT: Staff Senate – Patterson

This report is linked above.

REPORT: Faculty Senate Chair - Mueller

Chair Mueller reported on the following topics.

B.S. in Exercise Physiology – This program was proposed and approved in November. Its budget included a compensation comparison and salary adjustment, which raised concerns. Both were administratively removed from the proposal that will go to the Board of Trustees.

Election Reporting - The Executive and REDBOOK committees are working with the Committee on Committees & Credentials (CCC) on an amendment to the Senate Bylaws to address reporting of election tallies and electronic voting. The vote tallies of the last election are listed in the CCC report.

Certificate Program Reactivated – The Graduate Certificate in Logistics and Distribution has been proposed for reactivation by the Provost's Office. The suspended program will be renamed, and the original eighteen credit hours will be reduced to nine. The Faculty Senate's role in reactivation of a suspended program after substantial revision is an ongoing topic of discussion.

Budget Process – A way to regularize Faculty Senate input in the budget process is still under development.

ACTION ITEM: Proposal for a B.S. Degree in Biochemistry – Ng

This proposal was approved and is linked above.

ACTION ITEM: Proposal for an M.S. Degree in Artificial Intelligence in Medicine – Ng

This proposal was approved and is linked above.

ACTION ITEM: Proposal for a B.S. Degree in Applied Engineering - Ng

This proposal was approved and is linked above.

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ACTION ITEM: [Proposal for a Certificate in Diversity, Inclusion, Community Engagement & Equity in the Workplace \(DICEEW\) - Ng](#)

This proposal was approved and is linked above.

FIRST READING: [Kent School Revised Personnel Documents – Winters](#)

These documents are linked above. As this was a first reading, there was no discussion. They will be considered for approval next month.

FIRST READING: [School of Nursing Revised Personnel Documents – Winters](#)

These documents are linked above. As this was a first reading, there was no discussion. They will be considered for approval next month.

REPORTS: Standing Committees

- **[Academic Programs](#) – Ng**
This report is linked above.
- **[Committee on Committees & Credentials](#) – Gosser**
This report is linked above.
- **[Executive Committee](#) – Wallace**
This report is linked above.
- **[Part-time Faculty](#) - Fuller**
This report is linked above.
- **[Planning & Budget](#) – Harris**
This report is linked above.
- **REDBOOK & Bylaws – Winters**
This committee had no further business other than the first reading of unit documents above.

OTHER REPORTS

- **AAUP Representative – Cunningham**
Senator Cunningham reported that the AAUP general meeting had been held. He and Senator Natalie Polzer are working with the A&S Faculty Salary Committee to conduct a survey on faculty expectations for the Faculty Compensation Study. The AAUP is contemplating the creation of a Shared Governance Award and will provide more information as plans progress.
- **CODRE Representative – Rougier**
CODRE met in November and discussed ways to move forward on its diversity initiatives.
- **COSW Representative – Nasraoui**
There were no updates to report.
- **[Faculty Athletic Representative \(FAR\)](#) - Wallace-Boaz**
This report is linked above.
- **[Sustainability](#) – Tillquist**
This report is linked above.
- **[ULARP Representative](#) - Wise**
This report is linked above.

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OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A question was raised regarding the increased length of the annual Conflict of Interest form. Replies pointed to federal funding requirements and regulations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Faculty Senate's January meeting is held the second Wednesday on January 10, 2024.
- Senator Williger (A&S) shared that he will be at Monnik Beer Company, 1036 E. Burnett Street this evening at 7p.m. for *Astronomy on Tap*, an open academic discussion on astronomy. All are welcome.
- Senator Williger also shared that he will teach an eclipse course next semester in anticipation of the solar eclipse on April 8, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Henry
University Senates