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FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 2024

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on October 2, 2024 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: Thomas Edison, Bonnie Fonseca-Greber, Karen Hadley, Eugene Mueller, Rachel Neal, Natalie Polzer, David Roelfs, Christopher Tillquist, Sherri Wallace, Gerry Williger **BUSINESS:** Jose Fernandez, Ben Foster, Kathleen Gosser, Dale McIntosh **DENTISTRY:** James Harrison, Tiffany McPheeters, Jolene Zirnheld **EDUCATION:** Ann Herd, Jon Lee **KENT:** Shantel Crosby, Emi Ramirez, Andrew Winters **LAW:** Daniel Canon, Lisa Nicholson, Enid Trucios-Haynes **LIBRARIES:** Angel Clemons, Rachel Howard, Courtney Stine **MEDICINE:** Forest Arnold, Robert, Bert, Barbara Clark, Jennifer Hamm, Patrick Harris, Lauren Herrmann, Saeed Jortani, Guillermo Rougier, Ben Schoenbachler, Hugh Shoff **MUSIC:** Rebecca Long, Alison Ogden **NURSING:** Rudy Clark, Frances Hardin-Fanning, Amy Higdon **PART-TIME FACULTY:** Aaron Ellis, Roy Fuller, Joseph Gutmann, Tina Johnson, Ramie Martin-Galijatovic, Tim Roberts **PUBLIC HEALTH:** Jelani Kerr, Michael Sekula **SPEED:** Thomas Berfield, Adrian Lauf, Angela Thompson

GUESTS ATTENDING

UNIVERSITY PROVOST: Dr. Gerry Bradley
SCHOOL of NURSING DEAN: Dr. Whitney Nash
UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES DEAN: Dr. Bob Fox
VICE PROVOST for ASSESSMENT: Mr. Robert Goldstein
STAFF SENATE REPRESENTATIVE: Ms. Becky Patterson
STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE: Ms. Macy Waddle
PROVOST OFFICE DESIGNEE: Dr. Cherie Dawson

ALSO ATTENDING

Alexis Bruszewski, Heather Fox, Whitney Sweeney-Martin

SENATORS NOT REGISTERING ATTENDANCE

DENTISTRY: Justin Whitney **EDUCATION:** Seth Eckler, Meg Hancock **MEDICINE:** Matthew Black, Joshua Choo, Geoffrey Clark, Scott Silva, Victoria Statler, Alexander Williams, Brian Williams **MUSIC:** Amy Acklin **PUBLIC HEALTH:** Kira Taylor **SPEED:** Olfa Nasraoui

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

The minutes from the September meeting were approved and are linked above.

REPORT: University Provost - Bradley

Provost Bradley updated senators on the searches that are underway.

- **College of Business** - The dean search committee has been selected and WittKieffer is the consultant firm.
- **School of Dentistry** – Letters to Dentistry faculty will go out October 2nd in preparation for elections to the search committee. It is anticipated that the committee will be charged in mid-November.
- **Executive Vice President for Finance & Administration/CFO** – The committee has been formed, and WittKieffer is the search consultant firm. With an aggressive timeline, semifinalists' interviews

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will take place in November and finalists invited to campus in early December. This search should be finished by the end of the year.

INTRODUCTION: Dean of the School of Nursing – Nash

Dr. Whitney Nash was introduced as the new Dean of the School of Nursing as of July 1, 2024. She was at UofL for seventeen years before leaving to become the Dean of Health Sciences at Georgia Southern University. The School of Nursing has been busy the last couple months with increased enrollment and grants. Dean Nash is very optimistic for the school's future.

FEEDBACK: Centers & Institutes – Bradley/Goldstein

Mr. Bob Goldstein, Vice Provost for Assessment & University Decision Support explained that the university has not been consistently applying its own policy on centers and institutes, which may have an impact on SACS accreditation. In 2020, questions about this issue were brought up, but with the various transitions since then, it was never fully addressed. The inconsistent approval process, resulted in a proliferation of centers and institutes. This proposed policy creates a process that includes oversight and review. The presentation is online and linked above.

INFORMATION ITEM: University Libraries – Fox

University Libraries Dean, Dr. Bob Fox reported on cuts in journal subscriptions due to the library's budget under the new budget model. Expenses that were previously covered centrally, are now assigned to the library. With the increase in these expenses over the past three years, cuts have been necessary and now include journal collections as they come up for renewal.

REPORT: Student Government – Waddle

SGA Representative, Ms. Macy Waddle reported that SGA has donated \$500 to the Testing Center to cover student costs. Toward finals week, SGA will donate to the Testing Center again to cover tests at that time. Feedback from students has been very positive. Ms. Waddle has also been working with the Open Educational Resources (OER) Committee on making textbooks more affordable. Student feedback on the cost of textbooks has been gathered by the committee, and it will hold a workshop for faculty to discuss this issue.

REPORT: Staff Senate - Patterson

The Staff Senate met on September 10th and ULPD Chief Green said that there are free steering wheel locks available for KIA and Hyundai owners. Contact him directly. Also, Open Enrollment this year will run from October 14 through the 25th. This report is online and linked above.

REPORT: Faculty Senate Chair – Mueller

Dr. Mueller reported that the Executive and Planning and Budget committee have started to get university budget updates. Dr. Sherri Wallace, Dr. Andrew Winters, and Dr. Brian Williams will serve on the provost's newly-formed committee to review procedures for merit-based raises and compensation strategy.

ACTION ITEM: Annual Academic Report – Mueller

The Annual Academic Report was unanimously endorsed and will be forwarded to administration. The document is online and linked above.

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ACTION ITEM: Proposed Changes to Faculty Senate Bylaws - Winters

[Clean](#) | [Redlined](#)

The changes to the Faculty Senate bylaws were approved. The documents are online and linked above.

ACTION ITEM: Unit Documents - Second Reading - College of Business Revised Bylaws - Winters

[Clean](#) | [Redlined](#) | [Explanation of Changes](#)

The revised unit documents were approved. The documents are online and linked above.

INFORMATION ITEM: Cybersecurity Awareness Month - Williams

In keeping with Cyber Security Awareness Month, Ms. Danna Williams from IT Services updated the Senate on current practices, university policies, and new phishing scams. The presentation is online and linked above.

REPORTS: Standing Committees

- **[Academic Programs Committee \(APC\)](#) – Ng**

This report is online and linked above. APC is reviewing a proposal for a graduate certificate in Analytics in Decision Making from the Speed School's Department of Industrial Engineering.

- **[Committee of Committees & Credentials \(CCC\)](#)- Acklin**

This report is online and linked above. A vacancy exists on the Planning & Budget Committee and CCC will hold an election next month to fill it. The draft ballot is included in the attached report.

- **[Executive Committee \(XC\)](#) – Wallace**

This report is online and linked above.

- **Part-time Faculty - Fuller**

The committee met on September 9th and discussed the proposed University Signage Policy. The committee wanted to go on record as opposing the policy and forwarded a statement to that effect to Senate Chair Mueller to pass to the provost. The committee is also revising the Part-time Lecturer (PTL) contract for consistency across units.

- **[Planning & Budget](#) – Harris**

This report is online and linked above.

- **[REDBOOK & Bylaws](#) – Winters**

This report is online and linked above.

OTHER REPORTS

- **AAUP Representative – Cunningham**

The AAUP chapters in Kentucky convened last weekend in Lexington. Senator Cunningham reported that UofL's internal governance and handling of DEI appears better than at other state institutions.

- **CODRE Representative – Rougier**

The Commission on Diversity & Racial Equity met on September 12th and discussed the current anti-DEI efforts in the state legislature.

- **COSW Representative – Nasraoui**

There was no report this month.

- **[Faculty Athletic Representative \(FAR\)](#) - Wallace-Boaz**

This report is online and linked above.

- **[Sustainability Council](#) – Tillquist**

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At the most recent meeting, Dr. Aruni Bhatnagar, Director of the Envirome Institute on the Green Heart Project, gave a presentation on the statistically significant health benefits found in the increased green living spaces in Louisville. This report is online and linked above.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Cardinal Cupboard Drive** - Senator Ann Herd (CEHD) announced that items can be donated any time between now and Oct 18 to the Cardinal Cupboard CEHD food drive simply by dropping them off in one of the boxes in the CEHD lobby.
- **United Campus Workers** – Senator David Roelfs (A&S) shared the following information: The [UofL](#) chapter of United Campus Workers has an [Open Letter outlining an alternate vision for fair pay](#) at UofL.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Henry
University Senates