

UNIVERSITY of LOUISVILLE

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2024

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on March 6, 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: Michael Cunningham, Bonnie Fonseca-Greber, Karen Hadley, Eugene Mueller, Rachel Neal, Natalie Polzer, Christopher Tillquist, Sherri Wallace, Gerard Williger **BUSINESS:** Jose Fernandez, Ben Foster, Kathleen Gosser, Dale McIntosh **DENTISTRY:** James Harrison, Tiffany McPheeters, Jolene Zirnheld **EDUCATION:** Meg Hancock, Ann Herd **KENT:** Shantel Cosby, Martin Hall, Andrew Winters **LAW:** Lisa Nicholson, Enid Trucios-Haynes **LIBRARIES:** Angel Clemons, Tiffney Gipson-Goodwin, Rachel Howard **MEDICINE:** Forest Arnold, Matthew Black, Geoffrey Clark, Patrick Harris, Lauren Herrmann, Saeed Jortani, Scott Silva, Hugh Shoff, Jonathan Warawa, Brian Williams **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, Roger Bradshaw, Adrian Lauf, Olfa Nasraoui

GUESTS ATTENDING

University Provost: Dr. Gerry Bradley

Senior Vice Provost: Dr. Gail DePuy

Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education: Dr. Beth Willey

Provost Chief of Staff: Ms. Sarah Lopez

Staff Senate Representative: Ms. Becky Patterson

Student Government Representative: Ms. Alexandria Underwood

Provost Office Designee: Dr. Cherie Dawson

ULARP: Ms. Elaine Wise

UofL Today: Mr. Chris Wooton

ALSO ATTENDING

Fannie Cox, John Drees, Bob Goldstein, Whitney Sweeney-Martin

SENATORS NOT REGISTERING ATTENDANCE

A&S: Xiang Zhang **DENTISTRY:** Justin Whitney **EDUCATION:** Seth Eckler, Carla Vidoni **LAW:** Daniel Canon

MEDICINE: Joshua Choo, Barbara Clark, Jennifer Hamm, Guillermo Rougier, Ben Schoenbachler, Victoria Statler, Alexander Williams

CALL TO ORDER

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the [February Minutes](#) – Mueller

The February minutes were amended with a footnote to the Chair's report. The minutes are attached and were approved as amended.

REPORT: [University Provost - Bradley](#)

Provost Bradley updated the Senate on the progress of the faculty compensation study and the various ways the comparison schools were chosen. He also spoke about the change to FAFSA's (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) calculations for effective need and how universities award scholarships and financial aid based on the data. Unfortunately, the change was not calculated correctly. As a result, every institution across the nation is unable to determine financial aid. The federal Department of Education has announced that this issue should

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be resolved by April 1. He also addressed the A&S Strategic Plan and the current Kentucky legislative session. Dr. Bradley's presentation is linked above.

UPDATE: [Course Catalog Policy Revisions](#) - Depuy/Willey

Dr. DePuy and Dr. Willey presented proposed changes to four of the Course Catalog policies – Final Exam Policy, Class Attendance, Pass/Fail Grading, and Graduation with Academic Honors. A rationale for each of the proposed revisions was made, and after discussion the Senate voted to endorse the changes, except for Class Attendance, which will be reconsidered after revision.

REPORT: Student Government – Underwood

Ms. Underwood reported on several initiatives that Mr. Sawyer Depp, the SGA Academic Vice President and representative to the Faculty Senate, is undertaking this semester. These include student outreach, support for international students, destressing activities during finals, and the research conference at the end of March. The SGA also passed a resolution addressing affordability and open resources for students.

REPORT: [Staff Senate](#) – Patterson

This report is online and linked above.

REPORT: Faculty Senate Chair - Mueller

Chair Mueller reported that he asked the administration for clarification from Segal about the completion of the benefit section of the faculty compensation study and the comparator group. He also asked about the Trust Study and believes it is moving forward, and results will be communicated when completed.

INFORMATION ITEM: First Reading – Revised Library Unit documents - Winters

[Summary of Changes](#) – [Clean Version](#) – [Redlined Version](#)

As this was a first reading, there was no discussion. The second reading in April will allow discussion and a vote.

ACTION ITEM: Bylaws Revisions – Elections [Clean Version](#) – [Redlined Version](#) - Gosser/Winters

Revisions to the Faculty Senate bylaws regarding officer and standing committee elections were presented. The changes were approved by the Committee on Committees & Credentials, The REDBOOK Committee and the Executive Committee. Senator Dale McIntosh voiced concerns that the new language was not in accordance with **Robert's Rules** and made the following motion: *that these amendments be returned to the committee and recommend that they adopt language that stipulates the body will publish a teller's report of the results of all elections for the public record.* A discussion took place on the pros and cons of a teller's report. A voice vote was taken on the motion, and it did not pass. The revisions will be voted on at the April Faculty Senate meeting.

REPORTS: Standing Committees

- **Academic Programs – Ng**
There was no report.
- **[Committee on Committees & Credentials](#) – Gosser**
Senator Gosser reported that there are over 25 committee vacancies to be filled at the May election meeting and encouraged senators to participate. The vacancies are listed in the report. This report is online and linked above.
- **[Executive Committee](#) – Wallace**
This report is online and linked above.
- **Part-time Faculty - Fuller**
There was no report.

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- [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**
Senator Cunningham reported that AAUP has had multiple discussions on the choice of comparison schools used in the faculty compensation study.
- **CODRE Representative – Rougier**
There was no report.
- **COSW Representative – Nasraoui**
There was no report.
- [Sustainability Council](#) – Tillquist
This report is online and linked above.
- [ULARP Representative](#) – Wise
This report is online and linked above.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Gerry Williger announced that Astronomy on Tap will meet tonight at 7pm at Monnik Beer Co, 1036 E Burnett Street. Discussion topic: "Light Pollution - from Annoyance to Heart Attacks".

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Henry
University Senates