

UNIVERSITY of LOUISVILLE

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2024

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on May 1, 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, Thomas Edison, Bonnie Fonseca-Greber, Eugene Mueller, Rachel Neal, Natalie Polzer, David Roelfs, Christopher Tillquist, Sherri Wallace, Gerard Williger **BUSINESS:** Jose Fernandez, Kathleen Gosser, Dale McIntosh **DENTISTRY:** James Harrison, Tiffany McPheeters **EDUCATION:** Seth Eckler, Meg Hancock, Ann Herd, Jon Lee, Carla Vidoni **KENT:** Shantel Crosby, Martin Hall, Emi Ramirez, Andrew Winters **LIBRARIES:** Angel Clemons, Rachel Howard **MEDICINE:** Matthew Black, Barbara Clark, Geoffrey Clark, Lauren Herrmann, Saeed Jortani, Ben Schoenbachler, Hugh Shoff, Victoria Statler, Jonathna Warawa, Brian Williams **MUSIC:** Amy Acklin, Allison Ogden **NURSING:** Lynette Galloway, Frances Hardin-Fanning **PART-TIME FACULTY:** Aaron Ellis, Roy Fuller, Joseph Gutmann, Tina Johnson, Ramie Martin-Galijatovic, Time Roberts **PUBLIC HEALTH:** Lee Bewley, Jelani Kerr, Michael Sekula, Kira Taylor **SPEED:** Roger Bradshaw, Adrian Lauf, Olfa Nasraoui, Angela Thompson

GUESTS ATTENDING

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Dr. Kim Schatzel
SENIOR VICE PROVOST: Dr. Gail DePuy
VP-IT SERVICES & CIO: Dr. Karlis Kaugars
VP-GRADUATE AFFAIRS: Dr. Beth Boehm
VP-ONLINE LEARNING & TEACHING INNOVATION: Dr. Kelvin Thompson
STAFF SENATE REPRESENTATIVE: Ms. Becky Patterson
STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE: Ms. Macy Waddle
GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL: Ms. Alexandria Underwood
UofL ASSOCIATION of RETIRED PERSONNEL (ULARP): Ms. Elaine Wise
UofL TODAY: Mr. Chris Wooton

ALSO ATTENDING

Alex Glynn, David King

SENATORS NOT REGISTERING ATTENDANCE

A&S: Karen Hadley Xiang Zhang **BUSINESS:** Ben Foster **DENTISTRY:** Justin Whitney, Jolene Zirnheld
LAW: Daniel Canon, Lisa Nicholson, Enid Trucios-Haynes **MEDICINE:** Forest Arnold, Joshua Choo, Jennifer Hamm, Patrick Harris, Guillermo Rougier, Scott Silva, Alexander Williams **MUSIC:** Chad Sloan
NURSING: Amy Higdon **SPEED:** Thomas Berfield

ELECTION MEETING - CALL TO ORDER - Mueller

Election of Officers and Committee Members – Gosser

Senator Kathleen Gosser, Chair of the Committee on Committees & Credentials went through the ballot and sought floor nominations for each committee vacancy. After floor nominations were closed, a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the Election Meeting. The Office of Institutional Effectiveness sent the link for online voting to eligible senators, and it remained open until Friday, May 3rd at 5 p.m.

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REGULAR MEETING – CALL TO ORDER - Mueller

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the April Minutes – Mueller

The April meeting minutes were approved and are online and linked above.

REMARKS: University President - Schatzel

President Schatzel updated the Faculty Senate on the state legislative session that ended in April and the impact of its biennial budget on UofL. Each state institution received pro-rated funds to offset inflation cost increases, and UofL received \$5.1M for each year in the biennium. UofL received restricted funds for specific initiatives that included a cybersecurity program, pediatric cancer research, an immigration law clinic, the Rural Dental Outreach Program, and several others. This budget provided funds for the Health Sciences Simulation Center & Collaboration Hub, UofL Health's Center for Rural Cancer Education and Research, and a second round of asset preservation. Authorization was also granted for the issuance of agency bonds of up to \$302.2M for thirteen capital projects. This was the largest appropriation to the university in its history. The report is online and linked above.

INTRODUCTION: Vice Provost for Information Technology Services & CIO - Kaugars

The new Vice Provost for Information Technology Services and Chief Information Officer, Dr. Karlis Kaugars was introduced and recounted his career leading to his appointment at UofL in April of this year. He has started a listening tour and shared his initial thoughts and plans for improvement. The report is online and linked above.

REPORT: University Provost - DePuy

Dr. DePuy updated the Senate on the FAFSA situation. The Financial Aid Office worked diligently to release over 3200 financial aid packages to our students by May 1. Another 3800 financial aid packages will be released by May 3. This problem with FAFSA data impacts new and returning students. Compared to May 1, 2023, applications are up 7%, and admissions are up 5%, but deposits and summer orientation attendance numbers are currently down. The report is online and linked above.

REPORT: Artificial Intelligence Committee Report – Boehm/Fernandez

Committee co-chairs Dr. Beth Boehm and Dr. Jose Fernandez reported on the findings of the Committee on the Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in UofL Academics. Dr. Boehm introduced subcommittee chairs Dr. Kelvin Thompson and Prof. David King to participate in the presentation, which was designed by Mr. Alex Glynn. Dr. Boehm explained that the committee's charge was limited to identifying relevant use cases surrounding academics and undergraduate/graduate student research. Though the committee met its charge, the recommendations show more work remains. The report is online and linked above.

UPDATE: ATHENA Presentation - Nasraoui

Dr. Nasraoui updated senators on the various activities of the National Science Foundation (NSF)-funded ATHENA Project. The ATHENA Project contributes to the NSF's goals for the development of a more diverse and capable science and engineering workforce by increasing the representation and advancement of women in academic science and engineering careers. It also seeks to broaden the use of evidence-based systemic change strategies that promote equity for STEM faculty in academia based on gender, race and ethnicity. The report is online and linked above.

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REPORT: Student Government - Waddle

Ms. Macy Waddle is the newly-elected Student Government Association representative to the Faculty Senate. Ms. Waddle introduced herself and will attend meetings in the coming academic year after studying in Argentina over the summer.

REPORT: Staff Senate – Patterson

This report is online and linked above.

REPORTS: Standing Committees

- **Academic Programs – Ng**
 - The report is online and linked above.
- **Committee on Committees & Credentials- Gosser**
 - The report is online and linked above.
- **Executive Committee – Wallace**
 - The report is online and linked above.
- **Part-time Faculty – Fuller**
 - This committee did not meet,
- **Planning & Budget – Harris**
 - The report is online and linked above.
- **REDBOOK & Bylaws - Winters**
 - The report is online and linked above.

OTHER REPORTS

- **AAUP Representative – Cunningham**
 - The AAUP is comparing governance structures across units and will report when results are available.
- **CODRE Representative – Rougier**
 - There was no report.
- **COSW Representative - Nasraoui**
 - The report is online and linked above.
- **Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) - Wallace-Boaz**
 - The report is online and linked above.
- **Sustainability Council - Tillquist**
 - The report is online and linked above.
- **ULARP Representative - Wise**
 - The report is online and linked above.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The June meeting will be held on the Health Sciences Campus in the Clinical Translational Research (CTR) Building, Room 101/102.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Henry
University Senates