The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on January 10, 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

GUESTS ATTENDING
UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Dr. Kim Schatzel
UNIVERSITY PROVOST: Dr. Gerry Bradley
DIRECTOR-COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING: Ms. Amber Peter
DIRECTOR-RESEARCH COMPLIANCE: Dr. Allison Ratterman
PROVOST OFFICE DESIGNEE: Ms. Whitney Sweeney-Martin
PROVOST OFFICE: Ms. Sarah Lopez
STAFF SENATE REPRESENTATIVE: Ms. Becky Patterson
ULARP REPRESENTATIVE: Ms. Elaine Wise
UofL TODAY: Mr. Chris Wooton

ALSO ATTENDING
Gail DePuy, John Drees, Erin Gerber, Alexandria Underwood

SENATORS NOT REGISTERING ATTENDANCE
A&S: Rachel Neal, Gerard Williger, Xiang Zhang DENTISTRY: James Harrison, Tiffany McSheeters EDUCATION: Meg Hancock KENT: Martin Hall LIBRARIES: Angel Clemons MEDICINE: Joshua Choo, Barbara Clark, Geoffrey Clark, Jennifer Hamm, Patrick Harris, Lauren Herrmann, Guillermo Rougier, Scott Silva, Alexander Williams, Brian Williams NURSING: Frances Hardin-Fanning PART-TIME FACULTY: Tina Johnson, Tim Roberts SPEED: Roger Bradshaw

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the December Minutes – Mueller
The December meeting minutes were approved and are linked above.

UPDATE: University President – Schatzel
Pres Schatzel pointed out that the budget proposed by the governor included only one capital project (not related to higher education) but added she was optimistic that the legislature will incorporate funding for a proposed building at HSC in an appropriations bill. UofL and other universities are also seeking additional funds for asset preservation in the budget. Dr. Schatzel also noted that performance funding was included in the governor’s proposed budget.
REPORT: Interim University Provost - Bradley
Dr. Bradley reported on the changes in program growth over the past ten years, Cardinal Core enrollment, and freshmen improvements. The presentation is online and linked above.

UPDATE: Web Improvement Project - Peter
Ms. Peter updated the Senate on the upcoming revision to the UofL web presence. Most of the major web pages will be updated by June of this year, with full completion by December 2024. The presentation is online and linked above.

UPDATE: Responsible Conduct of Research & Scholarship Policy - RCRS Policy - RCRS Authorship - RCRS Training
Dr. Allison Ratterman, Director of Research Compliance, reported on changes that have been made to the research policy and training. The changes are in response to the current research environment and changes in federal regulations. The presentation is online and linked above, as are the policies on Responsible Conduct in Research and Scholarship (RCRS), RCRS Authorship, and RCRS Training.

REPORT: Student Government – Depp
Mr. Depp reported that he is working on a book sale as had been held in the past. Details to follow.

REPORT: Staff Senate – Patterson
This report is online and linked above.

REPORT: Faculty Senate Chair - Mueller
Dr. Mueller reported on the following topics.

- Reactivation of suspended certificate and degree programs will include an evaluation by the Academic Programs Committee, which will make a recommendation to the provost. The graduate Certificate in Logistics and Distribution would be the first suspended program at UofL to be reactivated.
- A representative of the administration will begin briefing and getting input at joint meetings of the Executive and Planning & Budget Committees. Scheduling is underway.
- The CIO search is proceeding and will involve campus interviews of finalists.

SECOND READING: Kent School Revised Personnel Documents – Winters
There was no discussion, and the revised unit documents were unanimously approved.

SECOND READING: School of Nursing Revised Personnel Documents - Winters
There was no discussion, and the revised unit documents were unanimously approved.

REPORTS: Standing Committees

- Academic Programs – Ng
  - There was no report.
- Committee on Committees & Credentials – Gosser
  - This report is online and linked above.
- Executive Committee – Wallace
  - This report is online and linked above.
- Part-time Faculty - Fuller
  - This report is online and linked above.
- Planning & Budget – Harris
  - This report is online and linked above.
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- **REDBOOK & Bylaws - Winters**  
  o This report is online and linked above.

**OTHER REPORTS**
- **AAUP Representative – Cunningham**  
  o The AAUP report summarized results from a poll of A&S faculty on possible responses to the faculty compensation study. This report is online and linked above.
- **ULARP Representative - Wise**  
  o This report is online and linked above.

**OLD BUSINESS**
None

**NEW BUSINESS**
Senator Natalie Polzer thanked the Executive Committee for its discussion on reinstating the faculty salary merit pool and encouraged it to discuss making whole faculty and staff for the retirement funds lost in the pandemic-related 2020 suspension of UofL’s contribution to 403(b) plans.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**
None

**ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Henry  
University Senates