

# UNIVERSITY of LOUISVILLE

## Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2025

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on February 5, 2025 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, Gerard Williger **BUSINESS:** Jose Fernandez, Ben Foster, Kathleen Gosser, Dale McIntosh **DENTISTRY:** James Harrison, Tiffany McPheeters, Jolene Zirnheld **EDUCATION:** Seth Eckler, Meg Hancock, Ann Herd, Jon Lee **KENT:** Emi Ramirez, Andrew Winters **LAW:** Daniel Canon, Lisa Nicholson **LIBRARIES:** Angel Clemons, Rachel Howard, Courtney Stine **MEDICINE:** Forest Arnold, Robert Bert, Jennifer Hamm, Patrick Harris, Saeed Jortani, Victoria Statler, Brian Williams **MUSIC:** Amy Acklin, Rebecca Long, Allison Ogden **NURSING:** Rudy Clark, Amy Higdon **PART-TIME FACULTY:** Aaron Ellis, Roy Fuller, Joseph Gutmann, Ramie Martin-Galijatovic, Tim Roberts **PUBLIC HEALTH:** Jelani Kerr, Michael Sekula **SPEED:** Adrian Lauf, Olfa Nasraoui, Angela Thompson

### **GUESTS ATTENDING**

**UNIVERSITY PROVOST:** Dr. Gerry Bradley  
**SENIOR UNIVERSITY PROVOST:** Dr. Gail DePuy  
**DEAN COLLEGE of EDUCATION:** Dr. Tabitha Grier-Reed  
**DIR. RESEARCH COMMERCIALIZATION:** Ms. Laura Savatski  
**SCHOOL of MEDICINE:** Dr. Michelle Stevenson  
**VICE PROVOST FACULTY AFFAIRS:** Dr. Cherie Dawson-Edwards  
**PROVOST OFFICE:** Ms. Tammy Green  
**STAFF SENATE REPRESENTATIVE:** Ms. Becky Patterson  
**STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE:** Ms. Macy Waddle  
**AAUP REPRESENTATIVE:** Dr. Michael Cunningham  
**ULARP:** Ms. Elaine Wise

### **ALSO ATTENDING**

Reilly Brown, Bob Goldstein, Amy Lingo, Jennifer Rectenwald, Terry Scott

### **SENATORS NOT REGISTERING ATTENDANCE**

**DENTISTRY:** Justin Whitney **KENT:** Shantel Crosby **LAW:** Enid Trucios-Haynes **MEDICINE:** Matthew Black, Joshua Choo, Barbara Clark, Geoffrey Clark, Lauren Herrmann, Guillermo Rougier, Ben Schoenbachler, Scott Silva, Hugh Shoff, Alexander Williams **NURSING:** Frances Hardin-Fanning **PUBLIC HEALTH:** Kira Taylor **SPEED:** Thomas Berfield

Call to Order

### **Action Item: Approval of the [January Minutes](#) - Mueller**

The minutes are linked above and were approved as distributed.

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### **Introduction: Dean College of Education & Human Development - Grier-Reed**

Dr. Tabitha Grier-Reed was introduced and shared her pathway to becoming a dean, highlighting her tenure at the University of Minnesota and her involvement in faculty governance. She outlined her goals for the College of Education and Human Development, focusing on move-the-needle projects, clarifying the college's indispensable aspects, and raising the school's standing.

### **Report: University Provost – Bradley**

Provost Bradley provided updates on various topics, including the status of ongoing searches for deans, enrollment and retention numbers, and the faculty salary committee's work. He highlighted the positive trends in enrollment and retention and the progress of the faculty salary committee. This presentation is linked above.

### **Report: Student Government - Waddle**

Ms. Waddle provided updates on Student Government Association (SGA) election season, the Council on Postsecondary Education joint meeting, and upcoming events. She emphasized the importance of faculty not endorsing SGA candidates (to avoid their disqualification) and shared details about the ACC Advocacy Days in Washington, DC and upcoming Mix & Mingle events with professional schools.

### **Report: Staff Senate – Patterson**

The Staff Senate does not meet in January. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> on the Teams platform.

### **Report: Faculty Senate Chair - Mueller**

Chair Mueller reported on the following.

**Reapportionment Discussion** – After hearing the Committee on Committees and Credentials (CCC) reapportionment report at last month's Executive Committee meeting, the committee discussed the continually increasing number of senators from the School of Medicine, which is perceived to be due mostly to increasing numbers of faculty who do vital clinical work at UofL Health but are not directly engaged in UofL's academic mission as a substantial portion of their professional duties. Such primarily clinical faculty are included in the institutional headcount, which has given rise to a concern that the raw UofL faculty census may not lead to appropriate representation in the Faculty Senate, which deals primarily with matters related to UofL's academic programs. An *ad hoc* committee was formed to examine the issue and, if warranted, make a recommendation to change the reapportionment formula in the Faculty Senate Bylaws.

**December Meeting Date** – As directed by a motion adopted by the Faculty Senate at the December 2024 meeting, the Executive Committee discussed the possibility of changing the December meeting date and came to a strong consensus that no date would be substantially better than the established one.

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### **Information Item: [Intellectual Property Policy & Comparison – Savatski](#)**

Ms. Savatski presented the proposed updates to the intellectual property policy, highlighting the need to make the policy more streamlined and understandable by removing jargon and procedural information. She invited feedback from the faculty to incorporate into the final draft.

The policy and a comparison document are linked above.

### **Information Item: [New Dept. of Health Professions Education, School of Medicine - Stevenson](#)**

Dr. Michelle Stevenson (School of Medicine, Pediatrics) discussed the proposal to create a new department in the School of Medicine to house the Health Professions Education program. The proposal aims to provide a formal structure for faculty and improve the program's administration. The new department will provide a home for faculty with advanced educational backgrounds, ensuring they have a department chair and a formal voting structure within the School of Medicine. The Faculty Senate debated whether it should have an advisory role in the creation or dissolution of departments offering academic programs. No consensus emerged, and no action was taken.

### **Action Item: [Proposal Documents - Kentucky Reading Research Center - Harris](#)**

The center's proposers, Dr. Amy Lingo and Dr. Terry Scott, presented the proposal for the Kentucky Reading Research Center. The center aims to conduct research on the science of reading and collaborate with state and local agencies. The proposal (documents linked above) was unanimously approved.

### **Reports: Standing Committees**

- **[Academic Programs - Ng](#)**  
This report is online and linked above.
- **[Committee on Committees & Credentials – Acklin](#)**  
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.
- **[REDBOOK & Bylaws – Winters](#)**  
This report is online and linked above.

### **Other Reports**

- **[AAUP Representative – Cunningham](#)**  
The national AAUP, along with the National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education and other partners, filed a lawsuit to block recent executive orders impacting higher education.
- **[COSW Representative- Nasraoui](#)**  
This report is online and linked above.
- **[Faculty Athletic Representative \(FAR\) - Wallace-Boaz](#)**  
This report is online and linked above.

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- **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**

None

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gretchen Henry  
University Senates