

UNIVERSITY of LOUISVILLE

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2025

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on March 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:** Lisa Nicholson, Enid Trucios-Haynes **Libraries:** Angel Clemons, Rachel Howard, Courtney Stine **Medicine:** Forest Arnold, Robert Bert, Barbara Clark, Geoffrey Clark, Jennifer Hamm, Patrick Harris, Saeed Jortani, Ben Schoenbachler, Scott Silva, Hugh Shoff, Brian Williams **Music:** Amy Acklin, Allison Ogden **Nursing:** Rudy Clark, Frances Hardin-Fanning, Amy Higdon **Part-Time Faculty:** Aaron Ellis, Roy Fuller, Joseph Gutmann, Ramie Martin-Galijatovic, Tim Roberts **Public Health:** Jelani Kerr, Michael Sekula, Kira Taylor **Speed:** Adrian Lauf, Olfa Nasraoui, Angela Thompson

Guests Attending

University President: Dr. Kim Schatzel
Senior University Provost: Dr. Gail DePuy
Memorial Presentation: Dr. Dale Billingsley
Director of Parking Administration: Mr. Gary Becker
TARC Representative: Mr. Alex Posorske
Vice Provost-Faculty Affairs: Dr. Cherie Dawson
Provost Office: Ms. Tammy Green
Staff Senate Representative: Ms. Becky Patterson
Student Government Representative: Ms. Macy Waddle
AAUP Representative: Dr. Michael Cunningham
ULARP Representative: Professor emerita Elaine Wise

Senators Not Registering Attendance

Dentistry: Justin Whitney **Kent:** Shantel Crosby **Law:** Daniel Canon **Medicine:** Matthew Black, Lauren Herrmann, Guillermo Rougier, Victoria Statler, Alexander Williams **Music:** Rebecca Long
Speed: Thomas Berfield

In memoriam: Dr. Dennis Hall - Billingsley

Dr. Dale Billingsley read a memorial for his colleague and former Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Dennis Hall. A moment of silence was held in his honor. The memorial is linked above.

Action Item: Approval of the [February Minutes](#) – Mueller

The minutes of the February meeting are linked above and were approved as distributed.

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Remarks: University President - Schatzel

President Schatzel provided updates on various legislative issues, including the (court-stayed) reduction in the NIH indirect cost rate, the Dear Colleague letter from the Department of Education regarding DEI and related matters, and Kentucky HB 4 which also regards DEI practices. She discussed the potential impact of these issues on the university and emphasized the importance of communicating with legislators to provide clarity and understanding of the issues.

Report: Senior University Provost - DePuy

Dr. Gail DePuy provided updates on dean searches, undergraduate recruiting, the Fifteen to Finish campaign, spring 2026 classroom relocations, and plans for inclement weather closures. She emphasized the importance of the Fifteen to Finish campaign in helping students graduate on time and reducing their debt.

Report: Student Government – Waddle

Ms. Waddle provided updates on SGA activities, including advocacy efforts in Washington, DC, events with the dental and law schools, funding for the testing center, and plans to extend library hours during finals. She also mentioned a social media campaign to inform students about new class modalities.

Report: Staff Senate – Patterson

The Staff Senate met on February 11 and heard reports on athletic ticket pricing, the changes to the retirement plans, changes to the Cardinal Card use on TARC, and the University Club.

Report: Faculty Senate Chair - Mueller

Dr. Mueller reported that he continues to advocate for faculty exemption regarding the hiring freeze and establishing sustainable funding for library collections.

Information Item: Changes to Card Pass – Becker

Mr. Gary Becker explained the upcoming changes to the means by which UofL faculty, staff, and students use the TARC system. The program will transition from the Cardinal Card to an app that allows current faculty, staff, and students access to TARC with no direct charge. He highlighted the financial challenges and the need for better data on ridership.

Information Item: TARC Changes – Posorske

Mr. Alex Posorske from TARC presented the 2025 network redesign proposals, emphasizing the importance of community feedback. The redesign aims to address financial challenges and improve service efficiency. Two short-term plans, Limited and Enhanced, were proposed, with the Enhanced plan being more favorable. The presentation is linked above, including links to submit comments on the proposals at the end.

Discussion Item: Proposed Bylaws Amendment - Winters

This was a first reading of the bylaw revisions (attached above). A vote to approve will take place next month.

Standing Committee Reports

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- **[Academic Programs – Ng](#)**
This report is online and linked above.
- **Committee on Committees & Credentials – Acklin**
Senator Amy Acklin (Music) reported that a draft ballot will be distributed outlining the various committee vacancies to be filled at the May election.
- **[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 Committee Reports

- **AAUP Representative – Cunningham**
Dr. Cunningham updated senators on various recent activities of the AAUP.
- **[COSW Representative – Nasraoui](#)**
COSW will host an open house on March 27th from 12pm-2pm, at the Cultural & Equity Center. This report is linked above.
- **[Sustainability Council – Tillquist](#)**
The e-waste drive is underway until March 12th, and drop-off locations are in the linked report.
- **[ULARP Representative - Wise](#)**
Professor emerita Wise informed attendees that the UofL Association of Retired Personnel (ULARP) has sponsored seminars on Hosparus and palliative care. She recommended learning about what services are offered in Kentucky and Southern Indiana. This report is linked above.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Announcements

AI Survey - Senator Dale McIntosh (CoB) announced an upcoming survey to gather data on faculty use of AI in teaching. The survey aims to understand current practices and inform future recommendations.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Henry