

CHAIR'S REPORT

OCTOBER 7, 2015

September was a busy month.

9/15 - The President's Faculty Excellence Awards were announced with awards going to several faculty senators. Jasmine Farrier and Robert Staat received the Distinguished Faculty Award in Service; The Department of Biology received the Paul Weber Departmental Excellence in Teaching Award; Kenneth Palmer was recognized as a 2015 Endowed Faculty Appointee; and Saeed Jortani was recognized in Patents & Licenses. A complete list of 2015 Honorees is attached.

9/16 - State of the University Address

9/17 - Grawemeyer Awards 30th Anniversary Celebration kicked off by honoring Muhammad Ali as the inaugural Grawemeyer Spirit Award. This was a very well orchestrated, successful event.

9/24 - In order to better understand the workings of the UofL Foundation and relationship to the BoT and the University, I attended their September meeting.

9/28-29 - I attended the bi-annual 2015 Governor's Conference on Postsecondary Education Trusteeship. See summary with links below.

All Faculty Senate Standing Committees have now been charged.

Dr. Ray Austin and I represent Faculty Senate on the AVP for HR search committee which received its charge on 9/30.

Governor's Conference Report:

This bi-annual meeting provided an opportunity to hear experts on a wide variety of topics related to maximizing postsecondary education of the Commonwealth. The conference included discussion with key legislators, enhancing trustee effectiveness, presentation by the two gubernatorial candidates and a panel entitled *Opportunity, Success, Impact: Shaping Postsecondary Education Policy & Practice for 2016-2020* featuring Dr. Ramsey. Click [HERE](#) for a program of the presentations and events and click [HERE](#) for many of the handouts and materials presented. I found the conference valuable particularly the networking with other Trustees around Kentucky.