

## **Report of the Faculty Senate Chair to the Faculty Senate – October 5, 2016**

As Faculty Senate Chair, I have attended meetings with various senior administrators about academic, research and broader university matters, as well as Board of Trustees (BOT) meetings and Foundation Board meetings.

These senior administrator meetings included: a meeting with Acting President Neville Pinto and Krista Wallace-Boaz; a meeting with Executive Vice President for Research and Innovation, Bill Pierce; the monthly pre-Faculty Senate meeting with Acting Provost Dale Billingsley and Krista Wallace-Boaz; and a regular meeting with COO Harlan Sands and Krista Wallace-Boaz about UL operations issues. In all of these meetings, on behalf of the Faculty Senate, I have advocated for a greater emphasis on shared governance. In particular, I have highlighted the need for wider input before decisions are made that have a large-scale impact on the University, as well as those relating to academic and research matters. University wide committees have begun to meet more regularly including the Parking Advisory Committee, Human Resources Advisory Committee [HRAC], the Strategic Technology Executive Committee [STEC], and the Academic Technology Committee [ATC]. The Faculty Senate is represented on each of these committees.

At the meeting with COO Harlan Sands and Krista Wallace-Boaz we discussed parking issues and learned that an Overseers Report/Analysis about parking has been conducted. The report has not yet been finalized but one recommendation was to hire a consultant to evaluate parking issues on campus. These issues include: parking is subsidized heavily by UL, some HSC garages are not fully utilized, and rates have not been raised for over 10 years and these rates are low in comparison to other universities. I requested that the Faculty Senate, either in the Parking Advisory Committee or through an ad-hoc committee, be involved in considering any options or suggestions for changes including the Overseers Report/Analysis and any recommendations provided by a consultant.

**SGA Resolution:** I agreed to present to the Senate a Student Government Association resolution requesting the Governor to appoint new members to meet the racial minority representation requirements of KRS 164.821(5) as agreed upon in the March 18, 2016 Settlement Agreement.

**Trustee Report:** Many changes have occurred regarding governance issues and the Board of Trustees. As the newest member of the Board, I joined the other constituency members from the Staff Senate and Student Senate to advocate for changes in the UL Foundation structure and operations. These changes have been implemented by the new Foundation Chairperson, Brucie Moore. At the annual Trustee meeting I joined other women on the board who expressed concern about the lack of gender diversity on the newly elected Executive Committee. I attended the following meetings:

- Board of Trustees Special Meeting on September 9, 2016
- Board of Trustees Annual Meeting on September 22, 2016
- Foundation Board Annual Meeting on September 16, 2016

