

Report of the Faculty Senate Chair – May 3, 2017

First, I'd like to thank Krista Wallace-Boaz for chairing our meeting this month. Her willingness to step in has made it possible for me to attend a conference at which I am presenting a paper.

As usual, it was a busy month and this report is divided into thematic areas.

University Budget: After we received the budget overview at our March meeting from Dr. Billingsley, the Budget Development Committee has met several times to begin thinking about the University goals and objectives that should guide the planning process for the 2018-19 budget. Unit budgets have been rebased and units must determine the cuts required to meet the meet budget expectations for 2016-17 and the additional 3% across the board cuts for 2017-18. In addition, planning is ongoing about how to address the \$48 Million shortfall. President Postel's presentation to the Board of Trustees (attached) addresses this issue.

The Provost's Budget Development Committee (BDC) ¹ will continue to meet weekly. Four additional faculty members have been added to the BDC to enhance the faculty voice and provide representation for both campuses. The Faculty Senators added to the committee include: Karen Hadley (Chair, P&B), David Owen (P&B, XC), Pam Feldhoff (XC, HSC), and Saeed Jortani (HSC).

The Faculty Senate Ad-Hoc Budget Committee also will have share in the faculty governance on budget issues. Once the 2017-18 budget is finalized and presented to the Board (May 18), there will be more opportunities for this committee to participate.

Board of Trustees: I attended several board-related meetings in April 2017, including the Board on April 12 & 26, the Governance Subcommittee on April 27, a UL Research Foundation information meeting to learn more about its operations since I am treasurer.

Presidential Search Process: As of the end of last week, all of the unit representatives have been elected to the Faculty Redbook Consultation Committee. I plan to schedule the first meeting either next week or the week after graduation using a Doodle Poll.

Other Meetings:

- Strategic Technology Education Committee (April 7)
- COSFL met on Friday, April 7 and learned more about the performance funding model (reported by Susan Howarth at our April 2017 Faculty Senate meeting). I was elected Chair of COSFL, and the Faculty Senate will now organize the listserv for the

¹ Budget Development Committee: Will Armstrong, Jim Begany, Dale Billingsley, Gerard Bradley, Celeste Carter, Fannie Cox, Bob Fox JR, Toni Ganzel, Bob Goldstein, Kimberly Kempf-Leonard, Michael Mardis, Kevin Merten, Melissa Schuter, Enid Trucios-Haynes, Aaron Vance

group. Former UL Senate Chair, Rick Feldhoff had filled this role in recent years. We appreciate his service in keeping the listserv organized.

- I also met with President Postel and with Dale Billingsley for our monthly pre-Senate meeting, along with Krista Wallace-Boaz. We met with Jeanell Hughes and Lee Smith.