

Faculty Senate Chair Report
January 8, 2020

New EVPRI Announced:

Kevin Gardner, vice provost for research at the University of New Hampshire, will join the university as Executive Vice President for Research and Innovation on Jan. 27 pending Board of Trustees approval.

Provost Search Timeline:

- Early February – Search committee meets to review the pool of finalists and recommend a small group for airport or skype interviews (approximately 10 candidates).
- Late February – Search committee conducts airport interviews of finalists and creates a shortlist of 3-5 individuals to bring to UofL for campus interviews.
- March/April – On-campus interviews with candidates.
- April – Final search committee meeting to go through campus feedback, discuss the finalists, and develop a recommendation to the president. President Bendapudi will ask the committee for an unranked list of the strengths and weaknesses of any candidates that the committee feels are viable choices.

First Generation Students at UofL:

The Student Success Center has created a discussion group for campus partners to come together to discuss initiatives regarding First Generation students. Areas of discussion include initiatives being developed across campus, potential collaboration points where talent and funding might be pooled, and to help prevent redundant programming, and the unique obstacles this growing population faces.

The group has staff representatives from a wide variety of offices and colleges across campus but we need faculty at the table.

The group is asking for any interested faculty who are first generation students and would be willing to help with initiatives to connect personally with first generation students to please contact Tony Robinson, Student Success Coordinator at (502)852-6089, Awrobi01@louisville.edu

Faculty Senator needed for Search Committee: Executive Director, Business and Auxiliary Services

Please contact Krista Wallace-Boaz (krista.wallaceboaz@louisville.edu) if you are interested and willing to serve on this search.

Announcements:

- The next Board of Trustees will meet on Thursday, January 23.
- The Faculty Senate will hold an election at the February Senate meeting to fill the vacant position of Vice-Chair of the Faculty Senate.