

## **Faculty Senate Chair**

### **Report**

**March 4, 2020**

#### **Free Speech**

In April of 2019, the University began a comprehensive review of the University's policies regarding free speech in an effort to identify any problems in terms of compliance with the new Campus Free Speech Protection Act as well as the recent Executive Order from the Trump Administration regarding free speech on college campuses. The firm Dinsmore and Shohl conducted the review. General Counsel reports that there was a discussion of some minor changes, but no changes were made.

#### **UofL Foundation**

The University's S&P rating has been affirmed at A+ with a stable outlook. This is a higher rating than we received from Moody's.

#### **Provost Search Timeline:**

- March – Search committee conducts airport interviews of finalists and creates a shortlist of 3-5 individuals to bring to UofL for campus interviews.
- Late 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.