

REPORT OF THE PROVOST

FACULTY SENATE

APRIL 4, 2018

President Neeli Bendapudi has been welcomed enthusiastically on campus. We look forward to her arrival May 15.

SACS site visit

- Overall positive review
- QEP positive review
- Two “recommendations” (2.11.1, new 13.1 on Financial Resources; 3.4.4., new 10.8 on transcribing) require further analysis after the draft report is received so that UofL can demonstrate compliance with both principles. A final report is due at the end of August. The final SACS action will be determined in December.

KENTUCKY LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

HB 200

- Reduces the general-fund allocation by 6.35% or \$8.3million
- Tenure, sect. 27, parallels REDBOOK 4.5.3.A.2. on program closure (1983), authority still vested in the BOT, no statement of process to determine low enrollment or institutional need to close.
 - Risk to individual academic freedom by reducing current limited reasons (neglect, incompetence, immoral behavior).
 - Risk to academic integrity by elimination of programs on doctrinal grounds.
 - Related to CPE revision of academic program review requirements to emphasize employability of graduates

HB 210 on concealed-carry weapons on campus was held in Judiciary committee.

PERSONNEL

Provost: Billingsley’s resignation is effective July 1; Beth Boehm vice provost for graduate affairs and dean of SIGS, will be recommended as interim provost. Immediate preparations are likely this summer for a search to begin in fall.

Dean Searches

- Speed – On-campus visits have concluded. Anticipate a new dean to start on July 1.
- Nursing – Four finalists have made/will make on-campus visits (2 in March, 2 in April)

Dean Reviews

- Boehm (SIGS) – review in process, to be complete before June 30.
- Doane (Music)– review coming up; will likely begin in June.
- Blakely (Public Health)– review coming up; will likely begin in August.

Other

- Ombuds – the ad for a half-time Ombuds was posted March 30 and will run until April 23. The selection committee will meet April 17 to discuss process. The hope is to have someone in place by July 1.
- Vice President for Enterprise Risk Management, Audit and Compliance – Rhonda Bishop – starts April 16

Academic Leadership Program – a professional development program sponsored by the Provost's office for academic department chairs. The last session for this academic year will cover: "Legal Issues Department Chairs Need to Know" and will be presented by Leslie Strohm, Vice President for Strategy and General Counsel, and Amy Shoemaker, Associate University Counsel on Friday, April 20, 2018.