

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE
FACULTY SENATE MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: October 5, 2022

TIME: 3:00-5:00 PM

SITE: HSC – CTR 101/102

[LINK TO THE FULL MEETING VIDEO](#)

To hear more of this report, [please go to the meeting video](#) at minute

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the [September minutes](#) – Mueller

The minutes were unanimously approved as distributed.

SPECIAL ELECTION: Special Election – Gosser

Senator Gosser sought floor nominations for vacancies on four committees. The online ballot will remain open until noon on Friday October 7.

To hear more of this report, [please go to the meeting video](#) at minute 1:12.

REPORT: Student Government – Sebastian

Mr. Sebastian reported on the current activities of the SGA. Due to some election issues and resignations from the student government's Supreme Court last spring, the SGA leadership was inaugurated later than usual in June and court vacancies have been filled.

To hear more of this report, [please go to the meeting video](#) at minute 5:50.

REPORT: [Staff Senate](#) - Materna

This report is linked above.

REPORT: [Faculty Senate Chair](#) – Mueller

Chair Mueller reported on his activities since assuming the role last month.

This report is linked above.

To hear more of this report, [please go to the meeting video](#) at minute 12:59.

UPDATE: Presidential Search – Burse

Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Raymond Burse updated the Senate on the current presidential search. Since the search began in earnest in April or May, it has been going very well. The application process had a priority deadline of September 1st. Applications submitted past that date took the total to over sixty. Those sixty represented a wide variety of people that included eleven sitting presidents, deans, vice presidents of research and university general counsels. The search committee made substantial headway in whittling the initial group down to a smaller number to be reviewed and interviewed. Over several days last week, the search committee interviewed candidates in person. The search is pretty much on schedule to wrap up later this fall and, hopefully, have a new president early next year.

To hear more of this report, [please go to the meeting video](#) at minute 17:52.

REPORT: [Office of the Provost](#) - DePuy

Interim Senior Vice Provost Dr. Gail DePuy presented demographic statistics on the first year student body, unit enrollment numbers, student retention initiatives and student wellbeing. There was a decline in graduate enrollment from last year. To improve undergraduate retention rates, the President and Provost offices are working on various retention initiatives.

This report is linked above.

To hear more of this report, [please go to the meeting video](#) at minute 40:10.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

Faculty Role in Development and Execution of Student Success Initiatives - Mueller

A discussion took place on the various ways faculty can identify and help struggling students. Dr. Gail DePuy added that the Persistence & Retention Committee submitted a report a couple of years ago and that is the baseline for some of the initiatives under consideration now. Chair Mueller sought ideas for effective faculty input in any process that is developed by the administration.

To hear more of this report, [please go to the meeting video](#) at minute 1:02:12.

Credentials: Certificates and Badges, Stackable and Otherwise - Detmering

Vice Chair Detmering led a discussion on the increasing trend of micro-credentialing, which includes short, narrowly-focused programs that provide education and a specific skill or competency. These programs are shorter than a degree or certificate and can be added on to one another, therefore the term stackable. They can be credit/non-credit as part of a larger course or degree program, or they can be stand alone. UofL's Digital Transformation Center ([DTC](#)) lists a large number of mostly free badge and certificate programs from Google, Microsoft and others. Micro credentials are increasingly being viewed as a standard expectation in terms of what universities offer their students. Professor Detmering asked if UofL should be promoting third party credentials, or creating our own according to our institutional strengths and according to market demand.

To hear more of this report, [please go to the meeting video](#) at minute 1:33:02.

REPORTS: Standing Committees

- **Academic Programs – Harrington**
This committee had no report.
- **Committee on Committees & Credentials – Gosser**
This committee coordinated the election held above.
- **Executive Committee – Detmering**
This report is linked above.
- **Part-time Faculty - Fuller**
Senator Fuller reported that at some point in their careers at UofL, part-time faculty members have not been paid on time. The committee is working on this issue.
This report is linked above.
- **Planning & Budget – Harris**
Senator Harris reported that the committee has received a proposal from the College of Business for a Center on Positive Leadership and will review it this month.
This report is linked above.
- **REDBOOK & Bylaws – Cohn**
This committee had no report.

OTHER REPORTS

- **AAUP Representative – Cunningham**
Senator Cunningham reported that AAUP representatives continue to serve on and monitor the presidential search through the Faculty Consultation Committee on the A&S Strategic Planning Committee and the Shared Governance Committee, as well as the Faculty Senate. We are not taking any initiatives because so many things are in play currently, and we look forward to future developments of a propitious nature.
To hear more of this report, [please go to the meeting video](#) at minute 1:52:36

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- **CODRE Representative - Rougier**

CODRE met on September 15. CODRE Chair Connie Martinez met with President Gonzalez to discuss major categories of issues that arise. There are about 200-250 students, staff and faculty who report as Native American at UofL and CODRE is looking into ways to improve services for this group.

To hear more of this report, [please go to the meeting video](#) at minute 1:53:08

- **COSW Representative - Nasraoui**

This report is linked above.

- **ULARP Representative - Wise**

This report is linked above.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.