

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

FACULTY SENATE MEETING SUMMARY

APRIL 5, 2023

[LINK TO FULL VIDEO](#)

ACTION ITEM: Special Election – Gosser

Senator Gosser, Chair of the Committee on Committees and Credentials announced the special election for The REDBOOK Committee. The ballot is linked above.

To hear more, [please go to the video](#) at minute 0:20.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the March Minutes - Mueller

The March minutes are linked above and were approved.

REPORT: University Provost - DePuy

Dr. DePuy reported on administrative searches and said that an announcement regarding the Interim Provost position would be made soon.

To hear more, [please go to the video](#) at minute 2:27.

REPORT: VP for Online Strategy & Teaching Innovation - Thompson

Dr. Thompson said he believes that online strategy and teaching innovation is ultimately about current and potential students. He said it is also about access to higher education and making that education as high quality as possible. Potentially, it's about looking for opportunities to lower functional cost for students as well. He also spoke about badges and micro credentials, and an upcoming upgrade to Blackboard. The upgrade is called Blackboard Ultra and will take place over five semesters.

To hear more, [please go to the video](#) at minute 4:50.

REPORT: Information Security - Yehud

Mr. Yehud comes to UofL with 22 years of experience in IT, cyber security, risk and compliance in several industries including healthcare and higher education. His goals for UofL are to build an optimized security program for the entire university; to improve day-to-day security; and, to demonstrate the value of information security. Most cases of a security breach begin with social engineering, or email/text phishing.

To hear more, [please go to the video](#) at minute 26:09.

REPORT: Student Government – Sebastian

Mr. Sebastian reported that the SGA elections were held and the transition to the new leadership has begun.

REPORT: Staff Senate – Patterson

Ms. Patterson reported that the Staff Senate met on March 14, 2023 on the Teams platform. Mr. Gary Becker, Director of Parking Administration reported that the Floyd Street Garage had been paid off and, as a result, there will not be an increase for parking permits for the upcoming year. The report is linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video](#) at minute 36:26.

REPORT: Faculty Senate Chair - Mueller

Chair Mueller reported that over the past month he had been in meetings concerning the trans student incidents and the search for an interim provost. He also reported that the Executive Budget Steering Committee will not meet this year, though updates will be made. To hear more, [please go to the video](#) at minute 37:31.

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INFORMATION ITEM: [Response to Recent Incidents - Gill](#)

Vice President Gill explained the recent issues surrounding members of the trans community and the actions taken to address them. His presentation is linked above.

To hear more, [please go to the video](#) at minute 58:38.

ACTION ITEM: [Support of Trans Students - Detmering](#)

Senator Rob Detmering read the attached letter of support for trans students. It was unanimously approved.

To hear more, [please go to the video](#) at minute 1:22:53.

REPORTS: Standing Committees

- **Academic Programs – Harrington**
 - This committee had no report.
- **Committee on Committees & Credentials – Gosser**
 - This committee held the special election, as above, and is preparing for the full election in May.
- **[Executive Committee](#) – Detmering**
 - This report is linked above.
 - To hear more, [please go to the video](#) at minute
- **Part-time Faculty – Fuller**
 - This committee had no report.
- **[Planning & Budget](#) – Harris**
 - This report is linked above.
- **[REDBOOK & Bylaws](#) – Cohn**
 - This committee report is linked above.
 - [Committee Chair Bob Cohn's presentation of committee work](#).
 - To hear more, [please go to the video](#) at minute 51:37.

OTHER REPORTS

- **AAUP Representative – Cunningham**
 - AAUP is moving forward on a variety of initiatives. Everyone will be invited to the next general meeting on April 25th.
 - To hear this report, please [go to the video](#) at minute 1:27:55.
- **CODRE Representative – Rougier**
 - There was no report.
- **COSW Representative – Nasraoui**
 - There was no report.
- **[Faculty Athletic Representative \(FAR\)](#) - Wallace-Boaz**
 - This report is linked above.
- **[ULARP Representative](#) - Wise**
 - This report is linked above.
 - The University Club will reopen in May. To hear more, please [go to the video](#) at minute 1:29:01.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Senator Gerry Williger (A&S, Physics and Astronomy) announced that an academic discussion will be held this evening at 7PM at The Monnik Beer Company at 1036 E. Burnett Street.
- Senator Lauren Herrmann (Family Medicine) announced that the [Family Medicine Clinic](#) works with many people in the LGBTQ+ community. If you have students or others looking for specialized care, it is available there.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.