

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

FACULTY SENATE MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: October 4, 2023 TIME: 3:00-5:00 PM SITE: CHAO AUDITORIUM

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

The September meeting minutes are linked above and were approved.

REPORT: University President - Schatzel

Dr. Schatzel reported that the 2023 fall enrollment was the highest in university history. The eight priorities she described in her [talk on September 8th](#) have been assigned to an executive vice president or another of the vice presidents. They are as follows.

- The first priority is to vastly improve communication on our campus and trust within our community.
- The second priority is to significantly enhance our research and innovation enterprise.
- The third priority is to focus relentlessly on advancing inclusion and institutional equity so that all members of our community can thrive and reach their fullest potential.
- The fourth priority is realize student success inclusive of all our students.
- The fifth priority is to establish 'systemness' to support critical and common university-wide business processes. This will be a joint effort by CFO Dan Durbin, Interim CIO Brad Anderson and EVP Kevin Gardner to achieve.
- The sixth priority is to retell the remarkable 2023 contemporary story of our great university and in doing so positively impact its reputation and rankings will be led by VP John Drees and his team in OCM.
- The seventh priority is to create a coordinated community engagement plan that lifts up, connects and further supports the impact of our current efforts and will be led by VP Douglas Craddock. This will be foundational to the university's application for recertification as a Carnegie Community Engaged Institution in 2024
- Finally, we need to successfully complete the implementation of the compensation study for staff and for faculty.

Dr. Schatzel then addressed the Supreme Court decision impacting college admissions. The exception to the ruling was that admissions can be based on experiences with race. Dr. Schatzel said she is committed to the university's admission policies. To hear more of this report [please follow this link](#).

INTRODUCTION: A&S Dean - Touron

Dean Dayna Touron was introduced and gave a brief glimpse into her background and her journey to A&S dean at UofL. She is conducting weekly listening sessions across the various departments in A&S. This will take the full academic year to be able to meet everyone, really listen and integrate that information. To hear more of this report [please follow this link](#).

REPORT: Provost's Office – DePuy

Dr. DePuy reported that information should be going out soon regarding the Faculty Compensation Study. There are many student success initiatives currently underway. Maybe at a future meeting we could come and discuss them. To hear more of this report [please follow this link](#).

REPORT: Staff Senate – Patterson

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REPORT: Faculty Senate Chair - Mueller

Chair Mueller reported that he attended a Budget Committee and one for the Chief Information Officer search committee meetings. To hear more of this report [please follow this link](#).

UPDATE: Online Strategy & Teaching Innovation - Thompson

Dr. Thompson reported on the upgrade to Blackboard Ultra Course View that is taking place over five semesters, from summer 2023 to fall 2024. To hear more of this report [please follow this link](#).

REPORT: Faculty Grievance Officer (FGO) - Trucios-Haynes

Professor Trucios-Haynes said that compared to her prior experience as FGO, things are not as busy with grievance filings or consultations. She added this may reflect the success of the Ombuds-assisted informal dispute resolutions. This report is online and linked above. To hear more of this report [please follow this link](#).

UPDATE: Open Scholarship - LaPreze/Logsdon/Withorn

Members of the Open Scholarship Task Force were charged by EVPRI Dr. Kevin Gardner to look at the overall Open Scholarship landscape. Though Open Scholarship encompasses several areas this presentation will focus on Open Access, the publishing of research dissemination. This presentation is online and linked above. To hear more of this report [please follow this link](#).

INFORMATION ITEM: First Reading – REDBOOK Changes to Chapter 3 - Winters

As this was the first reading, there was no discussion. The proposed changes are linked above.

ACTION ITEM: Second Reading – REDBOOK Changes to Chapter 4 - Winters

A brief discussion was held and the changes to The REDBOOK Chapter 4. Senator Enid Trucios-Haynes made a motion to amend the changes to include "...research, scholarship, and/or other creative activity" in every instance to align with the university's mission statement. The motion carried. The amended changes to the REDBOOK Chapter 4 were approved. To hear more of this report [please follow this link](#).

ACTION ITEM: Second Reading - Revised Law School Bylaws Redlined/Clean - Winters

The revised Law School bylaws are linked above and were approved. To hear more [please follow this link](#).

REPORT: Center for Military-Connected Students - Walker

Mr. Dakota Walker, the Assistant Director of the center reported on its important work at UofL. The presentation is linked above. To hear more of this report [please follow this link](#).

REPORTS: Standing Committees

- [Academic Programs](#) - Ng
 - This report is online and linked above.
- Committee on Committees & Credentials – Gosser
 - This committee had no report.
- [Executive Committee](#) – Wallace
 - This report is online and linked above.

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- **Part-time Faculty - Fuller**
 - This committee is working on a survey of the part-time faculty. To hear this report please [follow this link.](#)
- **[Planning & Budget](#) – Harris**
 - This report is online and linked above.
- **[REDBOOK & Bylaws](#) - Winters**
 - This report is online and linked above.

OTHER REPORTS

- **AAUP Representative – Cunningham**
 - Senator Cunningham clarified the difference between AAUP and other campus organizations. One of the differences with AAUP and United Campus Workers is that AAUP works through existing structures. To hear more [please follow this link.](#)
- **[COSW Representative](#) - Nasraoui**
 - This report is online and linked above.
- **[Faculty Athletic Representative \(FAR\)](#) - Wallace-Boaz**
 - This report is online and linked above.
- **[Sustainability Council](#) – Tillquist**
 - This report is online and linked above.
- **[ULARP Representative](#) – Wise**
 - This report is online and linked above.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Dale McIntosh (CoB) made a motion to have election results, including vote counts made available to the full Senate. A second motion was made to move that discussion to the Committee on Committees & Credentials to consider and return its recommendation to the full senate. To hear this discussion please [follow this link.](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Astronomy on Tap** - Tonight at 7PM at Monnik Beer Company, 1036 E. Burnett Street, Dr. Tim Dowling will give a presentation on interplanetary exploration. All are welcome.
- **Eclipses** – At 5PM on October 5th in Humanities Room 100, Senator Gerry Williger (A&S) and Dr. Brady Smith will present on the two upcoming eclipses.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 PM