

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

FACULTY SENATE MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: SEPTEMBER 4, 2024 TIME: 3:00-5:00 PM SITE: CHAO AUDITORIUM

To hear more, please go to the video.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the July Minutes - Mueller

The minutes of the July meeting are linked above and were approved.

REPORT: University Provost - Bradley

Dr. Bradley reported on the preliminary enrollment numbers for fall. It appears that this fall's enrollment was record-breaking. At 23,781, this breaks the 1990 record of 23,000. In addition, our fall freshmen total is an all-time record. Tracking fall to fall retention, we are up 1% from last fall to 81.5%. To give these numbers some perspective, in 2019, it was 76%, so all the work around retention, student success, academic interventions and new scholarships is kicking in. These numbers will be verified in about a month. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

REPORT: Student Government - Waddle

Ms. Waddle reported that she is working on textbook affordability with the Open Educational Resources Committee (OER) through University Libraries. She is also working on a networking event for pre-med students in the School of Medicine for October 9th in the Red Barn. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

REPORT: Staff Senate – Patterson

The Staff Senate did not meet last month, and is scheduled to meet on September 10th.

REPORT: Faculty Senate Chair - Mueller

Chair Mueller reported on the following topics.

- [Annual Academic Report](#) – Chair Mueller asked senators to review the report and to offer any feedback before it is presented for endorsement in its final form at the October meeting. It will eventually be presented to the Board of Trustees.
- Search Committees – Provost Bradley has requested faculty representation on several administrative searches listed below.
 - Executive Vice President of Finance & Administration/CFO – Dr. Mueller will serve.
 - Executive Vice President -Research & Innovation – Dr. Jose Fernandez will serve.
- To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

REPORT: Research Strategic Plan - Klein/Merten/Logsdon

Dr. Jon Klein, Interim Dean of the School of Medicine presented an overview of the draft Research Strategic Plan. There is still time for feedback before the plan is completed. In 2023, under the leadership of Dr. Kevyn Merten and Dr. Cindi Logsdon an advisory committee was formed and a wide variety of listening sessions were held. The units were asked to develop and review their own basic strategic plans. Meetings were held with the Council of Academic Advisors and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. The presentation is online and linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

UNIT DOCUMENTS: First Reading - College of Business Revised Bylaws - Winters

As this is a first reading, there was no discussion. A discussion and vote will be taken at next month's meeting. [Clean](#) | [Redlined](#) | [Explanation of Changes](#). To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

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ACTION ITEM: Proposed Changes to Faculty Senate Bylaws - Winters

Senator Winters reminded senators that the Senate bylaws regarding electronic voting for elections were revised in the spring. Chair Mueller explained the changes to the Senate's bylaws regarding non-election electronic voting. A discussion took place on the finer points of the changes. The changes are online and linked [Clean](#) | [Redlined](#). To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

ACTION ITEMS: Academic Programs Committee - Ng

- [Proposed Program Closure – B.S. in Health & Human Performance](#)
 - This is a rebranding of the B.S. in Health & Human Performance to a B.S. in Exercise Physiology. There will be no impact on students in Health & Human Performance, as they can remain in that program or transition to the renamed program. Also, there are no impacts to faculty or staff. This was approved by the Academic Programs and Planning & Budget committees. The proposed closure is linked above and was approved. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).
- [Program Proposal – Ph.D. in Translational Bioengineering](#)
 - This program proposal is linked above and was approved.
 - To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

FEEDBACK: Proposed Policy for Use and Display of Signage on Campus – Mueller

Chair Mueller led a lively discussion on the proposed policy which is online and linked above. This policy has taken four years to get to this point and was presented this summer (2024). Chair Mueller pointed out that the timing was bad as few stakeholders were on campus to offer feedback. The current proposal would ban chalking in all its forms and institute a stringent process for yard signs. The SGA opposes the policy as many Student Registered Organizations (SRO) use yard signs to communicate with the student body. Dr. Mueller will summarize the discussion and send it to Provost Bradley. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

REPORTS: Standing Committees

- **Academic Programs – Ng**

This committee is reviewing a proposal for a graduate certificate in Analytics for Decision-Making in Industrial Engineering.
- **Committee on Committees & Credentials – Gosser**

There was no report.
- **[Executive Committee](#)- Wallace**

This report is online and linked above.
- **Part-time Faculty - Fuller**

There was no report.
- **Planning & Budget – Harris**

This committee is reviewing a proposal for a center and is awaiting requested revisions.
- **REDBOOK & Bylaws – Winters**

There was nothing beyond what was reported above in the College of Business unit documents and the revisions to the Faculty Senate bylaws.

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OTHER REPORTS

- **AAUP Representative – Cunningham**

The AAUP is interested in the overall results and early implantation strategy of the Faculty Compensation Study. These have been studied and requests for more information have been sent to various groups. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)

- **CODRE Representative – Rougier**

A meeting was held last month and the discussion focused on the Forum of Inclusive Excellence. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)

- **COSW Representative – Nasraoui**

There was no report.

- **[Sustainability Council](#) - Tillquist**

This report is online and linked above.

- **[ULARP Representative](#) - Wise**

This report is online and linked above.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Dale McIntosh (CoB) reported that the Follett Access Program has been fraught with issues at the start of this semester. Textbooks were not ordered and digital access codes were not available to faculty or students. He contacted senior leadership at Follett and they have agreed to work through the campus bookstore to remediate issues. Senator McIntosh asked senators to send him any issues they or their students have incurred with the Follett Access Program do he can share those with management.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Astronomy on Tap – Tonight an academic discussion at 7 p.m. at Monnik Beer Company, located at 1036.E. Burnett Street.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Henry

University Senates