

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

FACULTY SENATE MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: October 2, 2024

TIME: 3:00-5:00 PM

SITE: HSC, CTR 101

[LINK TO FULL VIDEO](#)

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the September Minutes - Mueller

The minutes from the September meeting were approved and are linked above.

REPORT: University Provost - Bradley

Provost Bradley updated senators on the two dean and three vice presidential searches that are underway.

- **College of Business** - The dean search committee has been selected and Witt Kiefer is the consultant firm.
- **School of Dentistry** – Letters to Dentistry faculty will go out this afternoon in preparation for elections to the search committee. It is anticipated that the committee will be charged in mid-November.
- **Executive Vice President for Finance & Administration/CFO** – The committee has been formed and Witt Kiefer is the search consultant firm. With an aggressive timeline, semifinalists interviews will take place in November and finalists invited to campus in early December. With that, this search should be finalized by the end of the year.
- **To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)**

INTRODUCTION: Dean of the School of Nursing – Nash

Dean Whitney Nash was at UofL for seventeen years before leaving to become the Dean of Health Sciences at Georgia Southern University. She said she was fortunate to be selected as the newest Dean of the Nursing School and started on July 1. The leadership of Interim Dean Dr. Mary DeLetter was exceptional and positioned Dean Nash for success. The School of Nursing has been busy the last couple months with increased enrollment and grants. Dean Nash is very hopeful for the future of the School of Nursing. **To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)**

FEEDBACK: Centers & Institutes – Bradley/Goldstein

Mr. Bob Goldstein, Vice Provost for Assessment & University Decision Support explained that the university has not been consistently applying its own policy on centers and institutes, which may have an impact on SACS accreditation. In 2020, questions about this issue were brought up but with all the transitions since then has never been fully addressed. With the inconsistent approval process, there was a proliferation of centers and institutes. This is to create a process to include oversight and review. The presentation is online and linked above. **To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)**

INFORMATION ITEM: University Libraries – Fox

University Libraries Dean, Dr. Bob Fox reported on cuts made to journals due to the library's new budget model. With the new budget model, expenses that were previously covered centrally, were now assigned to the library. With the increase in these expenses over the past three years, we had to cut collections. **To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)**

REPORT: Student Government – Waddle

SGA Representative, Ms. Macy Waddle reported that SGA has donated \$500 to the Testing Center to cover the cost of College Level Examination Program (CLEP) testing. Toward finals week, SGA will donate to the Testing Center again to cover tests at that time. Feedback from students has been very positive. Ms. Waddle has also been working with the Open Educational Resources (OER) Committee on making textbooks more affordable. Student feedback on the cost of textbooks has been gathered by the committee and it will hold a workshop for faculty to discuss this issue.

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REPORT: [Staff Senate - Patterson](#)

The Staff Senate met on September 10th and ULPD Chief Green said that there are free steering wheel locks available for KIA and Hyundai owners. Contact him directly. Also, Open Enrollment this year will run from October 14 through the 25th. This report is online and linked above. **To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)**

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

Dr. Mueller reported that the Executive Committee has started to get university budget updates, and that Dr. Sherri Wallace, Dr. Andrew Winters and Dr. Brian Williams will serve on the provost's newly-formed committee to review procedures for merit-based raises and compensation strategy. **To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)**

ACTION ITEM: [Annual Academic Report – Mueller](#)

The Annual Academic Report was endorsed and will be forwarded to administration. The document is online and linked above. **To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)**

ACTION ITEM: [Proposed Changes to Faculty Senate Bylaws - Winters](#)

[Clean](#) | [Redlined](#) The changes to the Faculty Senate bylaws were approved. The documents are online and linked above. **To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)**

ACTION ITEM: [Unit Documents - Second Reading - College of Business Revised Bylaws - Winters](#)

[Clean](#) | [Redlined](#) | [Explanation of Changes](#) The revised unit documents were approved. The documents are online and linked above. **To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)**

INFORMATION ITEM: [Cybersecurity Awareness Month - Williams](#)

In keeping with Cyber Security Awareness Month, Ms. Danna Williams from IT Services updated the Senate on current practices, university policies and new phishing scams. The presentation is online and linked above. **To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)**

REPORTS: [Standing Committees](#)

- **[Academic Programs Committee \(APC\) – Ng](#)**

This report is online and linked above. Committee Chair Senator Ng said APC is reviewing a proposal for a graduate certificate in Analytics in Decision Making from the Speed School's Department of Industrial Engineering.

- **[Committee of Committees & Credentials \(CCC\)- Acklin](#)**

This report is online and linked above. Committee Chair Senator Acklin announced a vacancy exists on the Planning & Budget Committee and CCC will hold an election next month to fill it. The draft ballot is included in the attached report.

- **[Executive Committee \(XC\) – Wallace](#)**

This report is online and linked above.

- **[Part-time Faculty - Fuller](#)**

Committee Chair Senator Fuller reported that the committee met on September 9th and discussed the proposed University Signage Policy. The committee wanted to go on record as opposing the policy and forwarded that to Senate Chair Mueller. The committee is also revising the Part-time Lecturer (PTL) contract for consistency across units. **To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)**

- **[Planning & Budget – Harris](#)**

This report is online and linked above.

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- [REDBOOK & Bylaws – Winters](#)

This report is online and linked above.

OTHER REPORTS

- **AAUP Representative – Cunningham**

The AAUP chapters in Kentucky convened last weekend in Lexington. Senator Cunningham reported that UofL's internal governance and handling of DEI appears better than other state institutions. **To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)**

- **CODRE Representative – Rougier**

The Commission on Diversity & Racial Equity met on September 12th and discussed the current anti-DEI efforts in the state legislature. **To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)**

- **COSW Representative – Nasraoui**

There was no report this month.

- [Faculty Athletic Representative \(FAR\)](#) - Wallace-Boaz

This report is online and linked above.

- [Sustainability Council](#) – Tillquist

At the most recent meeting, Dr. Aruni Bhatnagar, Director of the Envirome Institute on the Green Heart Project gave a presentation on the statistically significant health benefits found in the increased green living spaces in Louisville. This report is online and linked above. **To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)**

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Cardinal Cupboard Drive** - Senator Ann Herd (CEHD) announced that items can be donated any time between now and Oct 18 to the Cardinal Cupboard CEHD food drive simply by dropping them off in one of the boxes in the CEHD lobby. The College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) building is next to the University Club, and School of Music.
- **United Campus Workers** – Senator David Roelfs (A&S) shared the following information: The [UofL](#) chapter of United Campus Workers ([UCW](#)) union has an [Open Letter outlining an alternate vision for fair pay](#) at UofL. Please consider reading and sharing this letter. Full link: <http://ucwkentucky.org/fair-pay-today>

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.