

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

FACULTY SENATE MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 2024

TIME: 3:00-5:00 PM

SITE: CHAO AUDITORIUM

[LINK TO THE FULL MEETING VIDEO](#)

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the [January Minutes](#) - Mueller

The January minutes are linked above and were approved.

REMARKS: University President - Schatzel

President Schatzel wanted to let the Faculty Senate know before it was announced that Dr. Gerry Bradley had been hired in the permanent provost position. She updated the Faculty Senate on her reasoning behind this action. While considering the various opportunities within the administration, the position of executive vice president of academic affairs and provost led her to look deeper into academic affairs. As the next steps to this key position unfolded the following statistic had great meaning to her: six of the twelve deans are interim, and eight of twelve academic deans have less than one year experience. Though she fully supports the people currently serving in those roles, there is a lack of tenure and experience within the academic affairs leadership team. Academic affairs must be able to attract, retain and develop faculty to reach the university's potential. The president made it clear that Dr. Bradley is an outstanding candidate, has been an excellent interim provost, and dean of the Dental School. President Schatzel said she took the opportunity to address what she felt was an extraordinary situation for the leadership team, academic affairs and the university. She also assured senators that because this was a unique situation it is not to be considered a precedent. Dr. Bradley's appointment was approved by the Board of Trustees. To hear more, please go to the [video](#).

REPORT: University Provost - Bradley

Dr. Bradley thanked the Faculty Senate for its support and said he is looking forward to the future. Regarding the faculty compensation study, Dr. Bradley said there are three crucial steps. The first step starts today with communicating the approach and methodology used in the study. This same presentation will also be made to the Council of Academic Officers (CAO), deans and department chairs in February. The second step will include the revalidation of information to ensure it is as accurate as possible. Once the data has been revalidated at every level, an equity analysis will take place. He expects this step to move quickly over the spring semester. To hear more, please go to the [video](#).

PRESENTATION: [Faculty Comp Study Methodology](#) – Cowper/Segal

Ms. Carolyn Cowper, a representative for the Segal Company led the presentation into the methodology used in structuring the faculty compensation study. The presentation is linked above.

To hear more, please go to the [video](#).

UPDATE: [Community-Engaged Scholarship](#) - Cunningham

Dr. Henry Cunningham, vice provost for community engagement announced that UofL is one of eighty-four institutions to have both an R1 and Carnegie Community Engagement designation. He also explained what community-engaged scholarship is and is not, provided a snapshot of the community-engaged activities at UofL for 2022-2023, and invited senators to an Engaged Symposium in March on Shelby Campus (info linked above).

To hear more, please go to the [video](#).

REPORT: Student Government – Underwood

Ms. Alexandria Underwood, president of the Graduate Student Council reported for the SGA as Mr. Sawyer Depp was in Washington D.C. lobbying Kentucky legislators about the elimination of federal work study. He also is working to increase UofL's support systems for students who have English as their second language.

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REPORT: Staff Senate - Patterson

There was no report, as the Staff Senate does not meet in January. The next meeting is February 13th.

REPORT: Faculty Senate Chair - Mueller

Chair Mueller reported that the UofL Foundation approved its spending policy of 4%, the same as it has been over the last two years. The student system used for course enrollment will begin using the 2 factor identification that is currently used to log into the HR portal. Following up on a comment at last month's meeting, Dr. Mueller said he asked about the funds lost during the 2020 pause in salary and contributions to retirement accounts and was told that decision had been deliberated by the senior leadership at the time and will not be revisited by the current leadership. To hear more, please go to the [video](#).

REPORTS: Standing Committees

- [Academic Programs](#) – Ng
 - This report is online and linked above.
- **Committee on Committees & Credentials** – Gossler
 - There was no report.
- [Executive Committee](#) – Wallace
 - This report is online and linked above.
- [Part-time Faculty](#) - Fuller
 - This report is online and linked above.
- [REDBOOK & Bylaws](#) – Winters
 - This report is online and linked above.
- [Planning & Budget](#) – Harris
 - This report is online and linked above.

OTHER REPORTS

- **AAUP Representative** – Cunningham
 - Senator Michael Cunningham reported that AAUP participated in a panel discussion on shared governance. To hear more, please go to the [video](#).
- [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.

OLD BUSINESS

Concerns were raised with the timeliness of the changes to the Faculty Senate bylaws regarding revisions to the voting process. An update was provided in the REDBOOK Committee's monthly report.

NEW BUSINESS

Concerns were raised by the lack of parking lot and sidewalk clearing during the snows of last month. Chair Mueller said he would bring this up in his next meeting with the administration.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dr. Beth Willey announced that the [Inclusive Access Event](#) with Follett will take place on February 14th from 11 to 2p.m. in Bigelow Hall. The flyer is attached above.
- Senator Gerry Williger announced that he will be giving a talk on the upcoming solar eclipse at the University Club for *Lunch and Learn* on February 16th. Please call the University Club for reservations.
- *Astronomy on Tap*, Dr. Williger's monthly academic discussion will take place this evening at 7 p.m. at Monnik Beer Company at 1036 E. Burnett Street. All are welcome.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Henry
University Senates