

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

FACULTY SENATE MEETING SUMMARY

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

[FULL VIDEO](#)

ACTION ITEM: [Approval of the March minutes - Mueller](#)

The March meeting minutes are attached above and were approved as distributed.

REPORT: [University Provost - Bradley](#)

Dr. Bradley reported on changes in the Provost Office with the addition of Mr. Karlis Kaugars as the new Chief Information Officer and VP-IT Services, Dr. Katie Cardarelli as the new dean of the School of Public Health and Dr. Whitney Nash, the School of Nursing's new dean. He also reported on the state biennial budget and its positive impact on UofL, and presented a timeline of the faculty compensation study. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

UPDATE: [Course Catalog Policy Revisions—Class Attendance - DePuy/Willey](#)

At last month's meeting, the Faculty Senate endorsed the changes except for the Class Attendance. Dr. Gail DePuy presented the changed language based on the discussion held last month. The revised policies are attached. The recent changes are highlighted in green. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

REPORT: [Student Government – Depp](#)

There was no report.

REPORT: [Staff Senate – Patterson](#)

Ms. Patterson reported that the Staff Senate met on March 13th and received updates from the UofL Foundation's Keith Sherman, Dakota Walker from the Center for Military-Connected Student and Dean Michael Mardis and Dr. David Parrot from Student Affairs. The report is online and linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

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

Chair Mueller announced that the new hires from the Provost's Office will be invited to a Faculty Senate meeting in the near future. At the May meeting, senators will be presented with the Research Strategic Plan and the report of the AI Committee. Dr. Mueller has followed up on several topics raised by the Executive Committee. These include grade inflation, benefits study, and merit compensation. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

INFORMATION ITEM: [Community Engagement Strategic Plan - Craddock](#)

Dr. Douglas Craddock from the Office of Community Engagement reported on the progress of UofL's 2023-2025 Community Engagement Strategic Plan goals. He explained what the goals are and the paths to achieving them. This report is online and linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

UPDATE: [Blackboard Ultra - Thompson](#)

Dr. Kelvin Thompson reported on the Blackboard updates from Original Course View to Ultra Course View. This was a planned update over five semesters, starting with a small pilot group last summer. The feedback he received from faculty and students was overwhelmingly positive, despite a few issues. As the updates moved out of the pilot stage, heavy Blackboard users encountered issues with some of their most-used features. Often, these are still available in Ultra, but accessed differently. Training is available for anyone who is interested. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

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ACTION ITEM: B.S. in Communication Sciences and Disorders - Ng

Dr. Chin Ng introduced the proposed B.S. Degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders. The proposal was approved by both the Academic Programs and Planning & Budget committees of the Faculty Senate. The program proposer, Dr. Alan Smith, explained the program and its purpose. After a clarification on reciprocity between A&S and other units requiring Cardinal Core courses in new programs, the program was unanimously approved. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

ACTION ITEM: Second Reading – Revised Library Unit documents [Clean Version](#) | [Redlined Version](#) - Winters

There was no discussion and the revised Libraries unit documents were approved.

ACTION ITEM: Faculty Senate Bylaws changes – Elections - [Clean Version](#) | [Redlined Version](#) - Gosser/Winters

There was no discussion, as no changes had been made to the original document. A vote was taken and the changes were approved with a total of 45 eligible votes. The count was 42 ayes, 1 nay vote and 2 abstentions. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

REPORTS: Standing Committees

- **[Executive Committee](#) – Wallace**
This report is online and linked above. Dr. Wallace explained why she is willing to run for the vice chair position for another year. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).
- **Academic Programs – Ng**
There was nothing more to report beyond the proposed program listed above.
- **[Committee on Committees & Credentials](#) – Gosser**
This report is online and linked above. Senator Gosser encouraged senators to read her report as it also contains the current ballot for the May elections. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).
- **[Part-time Faculty](#) - Fuller**
This report is online and linked above. Senator Fuller added that Senator Joseph Gutmann has received the Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching for Part-time Faculty in A&S. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).
- **[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 Michael Cunningham reported that AAUP is delighted with the outcome in the state legislature. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).
- **Commission On Diversity & Racial Equity (CODRE) Representative – Rougier**
The commission met on March 6th and will meet again on April 11th.
- **Commission On the Status of Women (COSW) Representative – Nasraoui**
The commission held its annual open house on March 20th and 21st, and is also accepting applications for new commissioners through April 12th. Please visit the [web site](#) to apply. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).
- **[Sustainability Council](#) – Tillquist**
A sustainability tour of the Belknap Campus will take place next month on May 1st at 2p.m. Also, the Sustainability Council will not be advocating for more charging bays at this time. This report is online and attached above. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

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- [ULARP Representative](#) – Wise

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NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Alexandria Underwood presented the [SGA Resolution 13.16](#) regarding the potential closing of the Rauch Planetarium.
- Senator Gerry Williger distributed a [handout](#) and made the following motion in support of the Rauch Planetarium. The motion was seconded and endorsed by the Senate.
 - 1) Endorse the Executive Committee statement of Oct. 25, 2023: "The Planetarium is an asset to UofL and the community and should remain open."
 - 2) Set up a Supervisory Committee composed of faculty and administration, and including at least one astronomer, to consult with astronomical and planetarium experts inside and outside the University to determine
 - (a) how the University can successfully run the Gheens Science Hall and Rauch Planetarium long-term, or
 - (b) why the University is different from those that do and therefore cannot support a planetarium.
 - 3) Request the delay of any irrevocable decision about the Planetarium or commencement of any repurposing, until this Committee releases its findings to the full Faculty Senate and University administration to make an informed decision.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Astronomy on Tap, an academic discussion will be held this evening at 7 p.m. at Monnik Beer Company at 1036 East Burnett Street. All are welcome.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Henry
University Senates