

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

FACULTY SENATE MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: MAY 1, 2024

TIME: 3:00-5:00 PM

SITE: CHAO AUDITORIUM

[LINK TO FULL VIDEO](#)

ELECTION MEETING - CALL TO ORDER - Mueller

Election of Officers and Committee Members – Gosser

Senator Kathy Gosser, Chair of the Committee on Committees & Credentials went through the ballot and sought floor nominations. After floor nominations were closed, a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the Election Meeting. The online ballot was developed by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and the link sent to eligible senators and will remain open until Friday, May 3rd at 5 p.m.

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

REGULAR MEETING – CALL TO ORDER - Mueller

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the April Minutes – Mueller

The April meeting minutes are online, linked above and were approved.

REMARKS: University President - Schatzel

President Schatzel updated the Faculty Senate on the state legislative session that ended last month and the impact of its biennial budget on UofL. Each state institution received pro-rated funds to offset inflation cost increases and UofL received \$5.1M for each year in the biennium. UofL received restricted funds for specific initiatives that included a cybersecurity program, pediatric cancer research, an immigration law clinic, and the Rural Dental Outreach Program, among several others. This budget authorized the issuance of agency bonds of up to \$302.2M for thirteen capital projects, which include the Health Sciences Simulation Center & Collaboration Hub, UofL Health's Center for Rural Cancer Education and Research, and a second round of asset preservation. This was the largest appropriation to the university in its history. The report is online and linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

INTRODUCTION: Vice Provost for Information Technology Services & CIO - Kaugars

The new Vice Provost for Information Technology Services and Chief Information Officer, Dr. Karlis Kaugars was introduced and updated senators on his professional journey leading him to UofL in April of this year. He has started a listening tour and shared his initial thoughts, as well as plans for improvement. The report is online and linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

REPORT: University Provost - DePuy

Dr. DePuy updated the Senate on the FAFSA situation. The Financial Aid Office is working very hard and recently released over 3200 financial aid packages to our students. Another 3800 financial aid packages will be released before the end of the week. This is a very real problem, as it impacts new and returning students. Application are up 7%, admissions are up 5%, but deposits and summer orientation numbers are down. The report is online and linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

REPORT: Artificial Intelligence Committee Report – Boehm/Fernandez

The Committee on the Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in UofL Academics co-chairs Dr. Beth Boehm and Dr. Jose Fernandez reported on the findings of the committee. Dr. Boehm introduced subcommittee chairs in attendance, Dr. Kelvin Thompson, Professor David King and Mr. Alex Glynn who designed the presentation (viewed in the video). Dr. Boehm explained that the committee's charge was limited to identifying relevant use cases surrounding academics and undergraduate/graduate student research. Though the committee met its charge, the recommendations show there is more to be done. The report is online and linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video](#). The report was paused to allow President Schatzel to give her remarks (above) and resumed [here](#).

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UPDATE: ATHENA Presentation - Nasraoui

Dr. Nasraoui updated senators on the various activities of the National Science Foundation-funded ATHENA Project. The ATHENA Project contributes to the NSF's goals of the development of a more diverse and capable science and engineering workforce by increasing the representation and advancement of women in academic science and engineering careers. It also seeks to broaden the use of evidence-based systemic change strategies that promote equity for STEM faculty in academia based on gender, race and ethnicity.

The report is online and linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

REPORT: Student Government - Waddle

Ms. Macy Waddle is the newly-elected SGA representative to the Faculty Senate. Ms. Waddle introduced herself and will attend meetings this academic year after studying in Argentina over the summer.

REPORT: Staff Senate – Patterson

This report is online and linked above.

REPORTS: Standing Committees

- [Academic Programs – Ng](#)
 - The report is online and linked above.
- [Committee on Committees & Credentials- Gossler](#)
 - The report is online and linked above.
- [Executive Committee – Wallace](#)
 - The report is online and linked above.
- **Part-time Faculty – Fuller**
 - This committee did not meet,
- [Planning & Budget – Harris](#)
 - The report is online and linked above.
- [REDBOOK & Bylaws - Winters](#)
 - The report is online and linked above.

OTHER REPORTS

- **AAUP Representative – Cunningham**
 - The AAUP is comparing governance structures across units and will report when results are in.
- **CODRE Representative – Rougier**
 - There was no report.
- [COSW Representative - Nasraoui](#)
 - The report is online and linked above.
- [Faculty Athletic Representative \(FAR\) - Wallace-Boaz](#)
 - The report is online and linked above.
- [Sustainability Council - Tillquist](#)
 - The report is online and linked above.
- [ULARP Representative - Wise](#)
 - The report is online and linked above.

OLD BUSINESS

None

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NEW BUSINESS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The June meeting will be held on HSC in the Clinical Translational Research (CTR) Building, Room 101/102.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Henry
University Senates