

# UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

## Faculty Senate Meeting Summary

Date: June 4, 2025 Time: 3:00-5:00 PM Site: HSC/CTR 101

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### **Action Item: Approval of the [May Minutes](#) - Mueller**

The May minutes were approved and are linked above.

### **Report: University President – Bradley**

President Bradley provided an update on four major initiatives since his appointment in March, including the FY26 budget, the UofL Health agreement, the strategic plan, and compliance with House Bill 4. He highlighted the challenges and efforts in each area.

**FY26 Budget:** Dr. Bradley discussed the challenges in building the FY26 budget, highlighting federal uncertainties, NIH payments, Medicaid, and health programs. He emphasized the effort to create a balanced and progressive budget that invests in campus priorities. The budget will be presented to the Board of Trustees in about three weeks, with the goal of approval by the end of June.

**UofL Health Agreement:** He mentioned the ongoing process of renewing the agreement with UofL Health, which is expected to conclude by the end of June, providing a framework for future collaboration.

**Strategic Plan:** The president updated on the strategic planning process, acknowledging the hard work of the team and the goal to have a 2.0 version ready for feedback by the time faculty return to campus.

**House Bill 4 Compliance:** President Bradley discussed the efforts to ensure compliance with House Bill 4, highlighting the involvement of various workgroups and the importance of shared governance in the process.

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

### **Introduction: Board Trustee – Ms. Sherrill Zimmerman – Mueller**

Dr. Mueller introduced Ms. Sherrill Zimmerman, a UofL Board trustee, who shared her background and commitment to UofL and education. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)

### **Report: Interim University Provost - Cardarelli**

Dr. Cardarelli reported on Dean searches, fall 2025 enrollment, extramural funding challenges, journal subscriptions, faculty compensation and HB4.

**Searches** - The new Dean of Business will be joining in July. The search for the Dean of Dentistry is ongoing, with finalists visiting the campus and an announcement expected in the next couple of months.

**Enrollment** - Positive trends in student enrollment were reported, with increases in first-time college students, transfers, and readmits, as well as improved retention rates.

**Funding** – Dr. Cardarelli discussed the challenges in extramural funding due to federal actions, highlighting the potential impact on NIH and NSF budgets and the university's efforts to mitigate these effects.

**Journal Subscriptions** - Efforts are underway to preserve journal access and minimize impact despite rising costs, including collaboration with UK.

**Faculty Compensation** – She also discussed the ongoing faculty compensation adjustments, focusing on addressing compression for associate and full professors and the implementation timeline.

**House Bill 4** – Dr. Cardarelli detailed the extensive efforts to ensure compliance with House Bill 4, including the formation of workgroups, policy analysis, and collaboration with other institutions.

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### **Report: Student Government - Waddle**

There was no report.

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### **Report: [Staff Senate - Patterson](#)**

This report is online and linked above.

### **Report: Faculty Senate Chair - Mueller**

Dr. Mueller shared his appreciation that the second phase of the Faculty Compensation Study is now being implemented. As chair of the Board of Trustees *ad hoc* committee on House Bill 4, his primary goal is to maintain shared governance throughout the process's expedited timeline. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

### **Discussion Items**

#### **[Response to Policy Changes Impacting Higher Education - KY Mutual Compact - Mueller](#)**

##### **[A Call for Constructive Engagement](#)**

The Senate discussed potential responses to federal actions impacting higher education, considering options such as joining a compact with other universities or issuing a statement of constructive engagement. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

#### **Information Item: [Export Control Policy – Cover Letter/Dictionary/Slides - Ratterman](#)**

Due to a lack of time, this item will be presented at the July meeting.

#### **Action Item: [Changes to unit documents for compliance with House Bill 4 - Winters](#)**

##### **[CEHD – CoB – Law School – Summary of Unit Document Changes](#)**

The Senate reviewed and approved changes to unit documents from the College of Education, and the Law School to ensure compliance with House Bill 4. Documents from the College of Business were tabled and will be considered at a later date. The revised unit documents are linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

### **Standing Committee Reports**

- **[Academic Programs – Ng](#)**  
This report is online and linked above.
- **Committee on Committees & Credentials – Acklin**  
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**  
There was no report.
- **[REDBOOK & Bylaws - Winters](#)**  
This report is online and linked above.

### **Other Committee Reports**

- **[Faculty Senate \*ad hoc\* DEI Committee](#) – Fonseca-Greber**  
The final report is online and linked above.
- **AAUP Representative – Cunningham**  
There was nothing to report beyond the discussion item above.

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- **CODRE Representative – Rougier**  
This commission met last week. Given the commission's name, it faces disbandment or revamping, depending on decisions of its leadership and the administration. A joint meeting of both commissions will be held and more information will be forthcoming.
- **COSW Representative – Nasraoui**  
There was no report, but this commission faces the same scrutiny as CODRE.
- **[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**

None

### **Announcements**

A social gathering for senators and their guests will take place immediately after this meeting at Noble Funk Brewing Company, located at 922 Second Street.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.