

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

Faculty Senate Meeting Summary

Date: February 5, 2025 Time: 3:00-5:00 PM Site: Chao Auditorium

[Link to full video.](#)

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

The minutes are linked above and were approved as distributed.

Introduction: Dean College of Education & Human Development - Grier-Reed

Dr. Tabitha Grier-Reed was introduced and shared her background. She also outlined goals for the college. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)

Report: [University Provost – Bradley](#)

Provost Bradley provided updates on various topics, including the status of ongoing searches for deans, enrollment and retention numbers, and the faculty salary committee's work. He highlighted the positive trends in enrollment and retention and the progress of the faculty salary committee. This presentation is linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)

Report: [Student Government - Waddle](#)

Ms. Waddle provided updates on election season, the Council on Postsecondary Education joint meeting, and upcoming events. She emphasized the importance of faculty not endorsing candidates (to avoid disqualification) and shared details about advocacy days in Washington, DC and upcoming Mix & Mingle events with professional schools. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)

Report: [Staff Senate – Patterson](#)

The Staff Senate does not meet in January. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 11th on the Teams platform.

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

Chair Mueller reported on the following.

Reapportionment Discussion – After hearing the Committee on Committees and Credentials (CCC) reapportionment report at last month's Executive Committee meeting, a discussion took place on the increased number of senators from the School of Medicine. As committee members felt the need to address this, an ad hoc committee was formed to look deeper into the issue and to possibly make a recommendation to change the reapportionment formula in the Senate bylaws.

December Meeting Date – The Executive Committee discussed the possibility of changing the December meeting date and found that there was no better or worse date than what is already established.

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

Information Item: [Intellectual Property Policy & Comparison – Savatski](#)

Ms. Savatski presented the proposed updates to the intellectual property policy, highlighting the need to make the policy more streamlined and understandable by removing jargon and procedural information. She invited feedback from the faculty to incorporate into the final draft.

The policy and a comparison document are linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)

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Information Item: New Dept. of Health Professions Education, School of Medicine - Stevenson

Dr. Michelle Stevenson (School of Medicine, Pediatrics) discussed the proposal to create a new department in the School of Medicine to house the Health Professions Education program. The proposal aims to provide a formal structure for faculty and improve the program's administration. The new department will provide a home for faculty with advanced educational backgrounds, ensuring they have a department chair and a formal voting structure within the School of Medicine. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)

Action Item: Proposal Documents - Kentucky Reading Research Center - Harris

The center's proposers, Dr. Amy Lingo and Dr. Terry Scott presented the proposal for the Kentucky Reading Research Center. The center aims to conduct research on the science of reading and collaborate with state and local agencies. The proposal was approved by the Planning and Budget Committee and unanimously approved by the full Faculty Senate. The proposal documents are linked above. 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 – Acklin](#)**
This report is online and linked above.
- **[Executive Committee – Wallace](#)**
This report is online and linked above.
- **[Part-time Faculty - Fuller](#)**
This report is online and linked above.
- **[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](#)**
On Monday evening, the AAUP, along with the National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education and other partners, filed a lawsuit to block Trump's unlawful and unconstitutional DEI executive orders, which threaten academic freedom and access to higher education. The lawsuit argues the Trump orders exceed his legal authority are overly vague and failed to define such terms as DEI. The AAUP is also very concerned with the grant funding freeze. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)
- **[COSW Representative- Nasraoui](#)**
This report is online and linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)
- **[Faculty Athletic Representative \(FAR\) - Wallace-Boaz](#)**
This report is online and linked above.
- **[Sustainability Council- Tillquist](#)**
This report is online and linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)
- **[ULARP Representative- Wise](#)**
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Old Business

None

New Business

None

Announcements

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Henry
University Senates