

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

Faculty Senate Meeting Summary

Date: May 7, 2025 Time: 3:00-5:00 PM Site: Chao Auditorium

[LINK TO FULL VIDEO](#)

Election Meeting: Call to Order - Mueller

Annual Election of Officers and Committee Members – Acklin

Senator Amy Acklin (Music), Chair of the Committee on Committees and Credentials read the ballot and took nominations from the floor. The online ballot remain open until Friday, May 9, 2025 at 5p.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 linked above and were approved.

Introduction: [EVP - Finance and Administration](#) - LeMay

Mr. Aaron LeMay was introduced and shared his background in higher education and healthcare. This presentation is linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)

Report: [Interim University Provost](#) - Cardarelli

Interim Provost Cardarelli reported on the following topics.

Dean Searches: The Provost announced the hiring of Dr. Amy Henley as the new Dean of the College of Business and the progress of the Dean of Dentistry search.

Enrollment: The Provost highlighted a 23% increase in first-time college students, and an 8% increase for continuing students.

Legislative Updates: The Provost discussed the impact of recent legislative changes, including House Bill 4 and the Dear Colleague letter, and the university's efforts to comply with these directives by creating work groups and holding retreats to address compliance issues.

Faculty Compensation Study: Dr. Cardarelli and Dr. David Schultz, the AVP for Finance and Administration presented the faculty compensation study, focusing on addressing compression for associate and full professors and the distribution of remaining funds, with detailed explanations of the methodology and projected results.

This presentation is linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)

Report: [Student Government](#) - Waddle

There was no report.

Report: [Staff Senate](#) – Patterson

This report is online and linked above.

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

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

Senate Chair Mueller updated senators on a recent article in the *Courier-Journal* newspaper, and the amount of work across the university for compliance to House Bill 4. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)

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Update: [Accelerating OneIT - Kaugars](#)

Dr. Kaugars discussed the IT acceleration plan, emphasizing the need for improved security, efficiency, and support for academic and administrative needs. He reported on the central goals and the aggressive timeline of the plan. This presentation is linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)

Information Item: [Procurement Process – Horn](#)

Ms. Amber Horn, the Director of Procurement Services explained the software purchasing process, including the required reviews by Information Technology Services, Information Security Compliance, and Legal. The document is linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)

Action Item: [Program Closures - Harris](#)

Senator Pat Harris (Medicine) presented the closure of five academic programs due to low enrollment and changes in faculty assignments. The closures were approved and are linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)

Information Item: [HR – Proposed Benefits Changes – Clark](#)

The Vice President for Human Resources, Mr. Darrell Clark discussed the proposed changes to the university's medical plans, including the introduction of HSA and the consolidation of plan options. The presentation is linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)

Information Item: [Bylaws Revision – Winters](#)

Senator Andrew Winters (Kent) presented proposed bylaw revisions, including updates to naming conventions, grammatical corrections, and aligning practice behavior with the bylaws. The revisions are linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)

Discussion: [Response to Policy Changes Impacting Higher Education /A Call for Constructive Engagement](#)

This discussion was tabled until the June meeting.

Standing Committee Reports

- **[Academic Programs – Ng](#)**
 - This report is online and linked above.
- **Committee on Committees & Credentials – Acklin**
 - There was no report beyond the election 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 committee worked with Academic Programs Committee on the program closures presented above.
- **[REDBOOK & Bylaws – Winters](#)**
 - This report is online and linked above.

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Other Committee Reports

- **AAUP Representative – Cunningham**
 - Senator Michael Cunningham (A&S) reported that AAUP supports the Kentucky Compact for Mutual Defense among universities and the call for constructive engagement. To hear more, [please go to the video](#)
- **Sustainability Council – Tillquist**
 - This report is online and linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).
- **ULARP Representative – Wise**
 - This report is online and linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Announcements

- Senator Amy Acklin (Music) announced an upcoming concert for the new [Louisville Youth Wind Symphony](#) that she created and directs. All are invited for the inaugural concert on May 11th at 3PM in Comstock Hall in the School of Music. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).
- Senator Natalie Polzer (A&S) announced that in response to the changes in TARC for UofL students, staff and faculty, an ad hoc committee has formed and is called the Student, Staff and Faculty Joint Committee for Charter Service Continuity. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).
- The June meeting will be held on the Health Sciences Campus in the CTR Building.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Henry
University Senates