

Staff Senate Report to the Faculty Senate – February 2, 2022

The Staff Senate met December 14, 2021 at 2:30 via TEAMS.

We observed a moment of silence in memory of Wes Partin, Director of Transfer Services. A celebration of his life will be held next Wednesday, January 19, 2022 in the SAC East Gym from 1-4. Open visitation from 1-3, memories & remarks 3-4.

We received an update on the new University Branding rollout from Kim Butterweck. Link to the new brand: [Our Brand — Brand Identity & Visual Standards \(louisville.edu\)](#)

John provided a Covid update

Interim President, Lori Gonzalez joined us and emphasized we are a student first campus. She supports staff who support students. Hiring for the VP for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion candidates are remaining in the search and it is moving forward. Staff asked what we can do to support the president, and she answered - keep doing our jobs and tap into our optimism.

Officer and Committee reports followed. The meeting summary is also attached below.

The Staff Senate does not meet in January and our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 2:30 and will be on TEAMS.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginger Brown
Staff Senator, A&S 01 2020-2022

THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE STAFF SENATE MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: December 14, 2021 | TIME: 2:30 PM | LOCATION: Microsoft Teams

[THE FULL VIDEO CAN BE SEEN AT THIS LINK.](#)

ACTION ITEM: Approval of [October](#) and [November](#) minutes - John Smith

The minutes were approved as distributed and are linked above.

REPORT: [University Branding Update](#) - Kim Butterweck

Ms. Butterweck, Executive Director of Communications and Marketing updated the Senate on the new branding campaign that will launch in January.

This presentation is online and linked above.

To hear more of this report, [please go to the video](#) at minute 4:30

REPORT: Covid Update & Chair Report - John Smith

Chair Smith reported on the following topics.

COVID - There are still about 465 people that we don't know the current status of. About 150 of those tell us they are vaccinated, but we can't confirm that at this point. So, the contact tracers are continuing to work on that with the remaining people. There have been between 40 and 50 exemptions filed from faculty and staff. As of December 8, the vaccination rate on the COVID dashboard had staff were at 93.3%, faculty were at 92.8% and students were at 91.2%.

Presidential Search - I will keep you as informed as I can and will advocate for as much input from the Senate and from staff in general into the process.

To hear more of this report, [please go to the video](#) at minute 37:0

REPORT: Staff Senate Vice-Chair - Andrew Grubb

This report is online and linked above.

To hear this report, [please go to the video](#) at minute 54:0

REPORT: Staff Senate Secretary-Treasurer - Kevin Ledford

This report is online and linked above.

To hear this report, [please go to the video](#) at minute 1:06:25

REPORT: Faculty Senate Representative - Tim Roberts

This report is online and linked above.

To hear more of this report, [please go to the video](#) at minute 1:07:10

REPORT: University Update - Lori Gonzalez

- **Presidential Search** – The Board of Trustees will meet when we return in January and discussions will begin on the search process. As of now, there are no plans.
- **Search for Vice Provost-DEI** – Given the transition, we have checked to see if the candidates are still interested in staying in the pool. My understanding is they said yes and I'll be talking to those candidates after the first of the year.
- **Interim Provost Search** – We are looking at all possible candidates to see who might be the best fit. The job description for Provost is pretty broad and we want to make sure that we have somebody who understands all pieces of the institution from the academic mission standpoint.

To hear more of this report, [please go to the video](#) at minute 1:10:15

REPORT: Student Government Update - Elijah Cooper

No report was made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Committee on Anti-Racism Efforts (CARE) - Leondra Gully**
 - No report was made.
- **Credentials and Nominations (C&N) - Jennifer Steier**
 - This report is online and linked above.
 - To hear more of this report, [please go to the video](#) at minute 1:17:0
- **Services and Facilities (S&F) - Paul Eitel**
 - This report is online and linked above.
 - To hear more of this report, [please go to the video](#) at minute 1:18:30
- **Policies and Economic Development (PED) - Virginia Hosono**
 - [Survey Results](#) | [Survey Analysis](#)
 - This report is online and linked above.

- To hear more of this report, [please go to the video](#) at minute 1:27:30
- **[Staff Grievance Committee \(SGC\)](#)** - Jason Beare
 - This report is online and linked above.
 - To hear more of this report, [please go to the video](#) at minute 1:28:41
- **Staff Help and Relief Effort (SHARE)** - Kari Donahue
 - No report was made.
- **Staff Morale and Engagement (SME)** - Melissa Taylor
 - [December Report](#) | [January Report](#)
 - This report is online and linked above.
 - To hear more of this report, [please go to the video](#) at minute 1:30:12

OTHER REPORTS

- **[Benefits Design Work Group](#)** - Rhonda Gilliland
 - This report is online and linked above.
 - To hear more of this report, [please go to the video](#) at minute
- **[Human Resources Advisory Committee \(HRAC\)](#)** - Patti Williams
 - This report is online and linked above.
 - To hear more of this report, [please go to the video](#) at minute
- **[University Police Advisory Committee \(UPAC\)](#)** - Sarah Kaiser
 - This report is online and linked above.
 - To hear more of this report, [please go to the video](#) at minute

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Staff Senate does not meet in January. The next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, February 8, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 PM