

**Faculty Senate Meeting  
Staff Senate Update [March 1, 2023]**

**Staff Senate met on February 14, 2023**

- a. **Kelvin Thompson (Vice Provost, Online Strategy and Innovative Teaching): Kelvin Thompson, Vice Provost for Online Strategy and Innovative Teaching:** Staff senate welcomed Dr. Thompson to UofL. He came to UofL from the University of Central Florida. Dr. Thompson provided an overview of his vision for online and innovative teaching. He welcomes everyone to contact him directly to discuss any ideas they have.
- b. **Dr. Kim Schatzel (President):** Dr. Schatzel provided an overview of her first two weeks at UofL. She expressed appreciation for the warm welcome by everyone on campus. Dr. Schatzel has attended a few listening tours for faculty, staff, and students with many more scheduled. She expressed that students report feeling very supported by both faculty and staff, particularly undergraduate students. Master's students feel as if they are not paid as much attention to as undergraduate or doctoral students. Students also expressed concern over the lack of dining services on campus after 6:00 PM. Some students expressed concern that offices such as the Bursar's office and the Registrar's office are not open for those on campus only in the evenings. Dr. Schatzel is looking into the possibility of hosting a listening tour on TEAMS for those who work fully remote.
- c. **Other Business:**
  - Staff senate is considering sending physical mailers to employees' homes with details about businesses that offer discounts to UofL employees. There was a link on HR's website but it has been removed. Senate representatives are working with HR to get an updated list of companies who offer discounts.
  - The bookstore has changed its layout since they no longer sell textbooks. All textbooks and course materials are purchased online. The bookstore has increased the inventory of spirit wear, computers, and school supplies.
  - The School of Music will be closed for the summer due to the HVAC system being replaced. This replacement is funded by the deferred maintenance money received from the state.
  - Business Operations continues to work on resolving any issues caused by the transition to Workday. The team meets every morning to review the help tickets submitted. Any issue impacting an employee's pay is given priority.

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