

**Faculty Senate Meeting
Staff Senate Update [March 5]**

Staff Senate met on February 11

- a. **Athletics Ticket Pricing:** Nick Bowes provided information regarding the process used to determine ticket prices for UofL Athletic events. Nick explained that prices are driven by several factors, including:
- Supply and demand
 - Secondary market
 - Premium games scheduled
 - Prices at other schools that are like UofL
 - Number of home games

Nick clarified that the prices of tickets are also contingent on the location of the seats.

- b. **Retirement Plan Changes:** Greg Paradiso updated the senate on upcoming changes to the retirement plan options. There will be no change in eligibility or employer contribution. More information will be coming out soon but the changes were approved by UofL's Retirement Oversight Committee, created in 2022. The university community will receive an email on Wednesday, February 19 with all the details. Employees are encouraged to read all communications regarding the upcoming changes.
- c. **TARC and Cardinal Card usage:** Gary Becker provided information about upcoming changes related to riding TARC. Currently enrolled students and current UofL employees ride TARC for free by scanning their UofL ID. However, the technology is antiquated and, since there are no expiration dates on IDs, the benefit is being abused by some who have left UofL and no longer qualify for free rides. Gary indicated this is not a forever benefit extended to students no longer enrolled or employees no longer employed. Effective April 1, riders will need to download a Transit Token app that produces a QR code to be scanned to ride TARC for free. Employees will be required to download a new QR code each month. The QR code replaces the UofL ID as the pass to access free rides. Cardinal Cards can be used through the 31st of March. The university community will see a lot of information forthcoming about this change.
- d. **University Club:** Julie Dunlevy provided an update on the University Club membership benefits. Lunch options include a buffet and sandwiches from the menu. The cost for lunch is approximately \$12 to \$15. Membership dues for lunch only are \$15 per month. Full memberships are \$30 per month. Details about membership benefits and events are located at: <https://www.uclublouisville.com/>.