

**Faculty Senate Meeting
Staff Senate Update [June 4]**

Staff Senate met on May 13

- a. Board of Trustees (BOT) Chair Introduction: Trustee Larry Benz, current BOT Chair, introduced himself and reaffirmed his long-standing commitment to UofL. He has served on the BOT previously and returned to the board three years ago. Trustee Benz praised Kevin Ledford's representation of staff and clarified that UofL's board is uniquely composed of 13 members (10 gubernatorial appointees plus representatives from SGA, Staff Senate, and Faculty Senate), compared to 17 at other Kentucky institutions.
 - i. In response to a question about President Bradley's appointment, he cited:
 - ii. The need for leadership stability during a critical time,
 - iii. Strong student success metrics under Dr. Bradley's leadership as provost, and
 - iv. Search fatigue from recent administrative hires.
 - v. President Bradley's contract is for three years, with a review after two.
- b. CFO and Budget Updates: CFO Aaron LeMay outlined the FY26 budget process. While specific wage increases were not announced, funding for salary investments is included.
 - i. Proposed FY26 budget: \$1.75 billion (up from \$1.72 billion)
 - ii. Priorities include salaries, benefits, financial aid, and campus infrastructure
 - iii. The Workday Finance system remains on track for a July launch
- c. CIO and OneIT Update: Karlis Kaugars, CIO, provided an update on the implementation of the OneIT plan. All computers running Windows 10 must be either upgrade or replaced by October 14. Karlis encouraged unit heads to contact him before purchasing computers as ITS may be able to buy in bulk for a better price.
- d. Parking Update: Gary Becker provided a parking update. There will NOT be a fee increase in parking permits for the 2025-2026 academic year. Mr. Becker also provided preliminary usage on the app to access the free Tarc rides.
- e. Proposed Health Insurance changes: Vice President Darrell Clark provided additional information about the proposed changes in UofL's health insurance plan. Right now, there are negotiations to get Kroger back in the network of Express Scripts pharmacies. There is also an RFP for a new pharmacy benefit manager for 2026. More details to come on this.