

**Faculty Senate Meeting
Staff Senate Update [July 2]**

Staff Senate met on June 10

- a. **Board of Trustees (BOT) Update:** Trustee Sherrill Zimmerman took questions from the Staff Senate. She shared thoughts on several challenges facing the university such as budget constraints and House Bill 4. She also provided context around the recent presidential selection process, emphasizing that while the board did not conduct a national search, it remains committed to transparency and does not intend to operate in secrecy for major decisions.
- b. **Senate Officer Elections:** Results were announced, and the following senators will assume their roles for the upcoming year. Committee selections will be announced during the July 8 meeting.
 - i. Kevin Ledford – Chair
 - ii. Kari Donahue – Vice Chair
 - iii. Donald Dean – Secretary/Treasurer
- c. **President's Report:** President Bradley updated the Senate on several key university initiatives. He reiterated the university's ongoing response to HB4 and noted that strategic planning efforts for the next cycle are in progress. The current budget development process remains tight, with a focus on compensation and a pause in hiring for many vacant positions. The proposed budget, still subject to Board of Trustees review, includes efforts to finalize UofL's partnership with UofL Health. President Bradley also addressed changes to the university's healthcare offerings, which are being reduced from five to three plans to contain costs for both the institution and employees. Listening sessions with various units are ongoing, and he shared appreciation for the everyday work being done across campus. Enrollment and retention trends continue to move in a positive direction.

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