

**FACULTY SENATE
Provost's Report
February 7, 2018**

Enrollment Growth Steering Committee

Discussion of the university's enrollment growth has used 30,000 students (based on the typical enrollment of a public Research 1 university) as a place-holder for a more considered goal over the next five years. With Dr. Postel's concurrence, the provost's office will organize and staff a university steering committee to address four questions in detail:

- What is the university's optimum size?
- What distribution of enrollments (UG/grad/prof) will the university support?
- How will the university provide for the students' educational experience and support?
- Assuming that the new plan aims to will provide ongoing long-term support, what resources will fund immediate development?

A Huron consulting report, to be updated soon, provides some guidance about target numbers and projected revenue from various populations of prospective students: student retention across the board; recruitment of transfer, non-resident, adult-returning, military/veteran, online and corporate-student cohorts. Expenses and investments to support the increases student load must also be considered and planned for, including faculty and staff numbers and salaries, incentives and initiatives (such as tenured lines for teaching faculty with reduced research expectations); instructional platforms; usage, allocation, renovation and expansion of physical facilities (including housing); and traditional campus life.

The committee will be representative and university-wide, to be determined in discussions with and including representatives of the three constituency bodies, the deans and vice presidents, classroom and research faculty and staff support. Membership from community partners, JCPS and JCTC will also be considered. The target date for the completion of the membership and draft charge is March 1.

Midterm advisory academic evaluations

The Council of Academic Officers and the Student Government Association are working to develop permanent resources to support midterm advisory academic evaluations, already provided by policy in many units. Instructors are encouraged to continue their current practices (exams, marked papers, direct conferences) and to consider new forms of feedback to assist students in making reasoned decisions about degree progress.

University-wide surveys

Since the beginning of the academic year, three major surveys—the PSFCC survey on the president search, the campus climate and diversity survey, and the budget survey—have returned rich and substantial results that provide a broad picture of the current focus, concerns and temper of the university community are now being discussed as the results are made available. The results of the budget survey will shape some of the business of the president's budget forums this month. Details of those dates and events will be widely circulated soon.

Administrative Personnel

Dean searches

- *Speed School* search committee hosted four campus visits, which concluded at the end of January. The committee will meet on Feb 13 to review feedback results and determine which candidates to forward for further consideration.
- *Nursing School* search committee selected 6 candidates for hotel interviews here in Louisville later this month. They will then select a group from that pool to visit campus beginning in March.

SIGS Dean Five-Year Review is underway. The committee began meeting in January.

EVP Research and Innovation: Dr. Bill Pierce retired from the university at the end of January after a distinguished career in all areas of its endeavor, including two terms as Faculty Senate chair and faculty trustee. Dr. Postel has recommended Rob Keynton to the BOT as the Interim EVPRI, with action slated for next week. An early date for a search is expected.

Operations: Dr. Postel has recommended Dr. Joseph Han to the BOT as COO, with action slated for next week to start March 1. <http://uoflnews.com/releases/uofl-hires-longtime-higher-education-administrator-as-coo/>.

VP Enterprise Risk Management and Compliance: Dr. Postel has recommended Rhonda Bishop to the BOT as the university's first Vice President for Enterprise Risk Management, Audit and Compliance, with action slated next week. Ms. Bishop starts April 16.

VP Finance and CFO: Preparations for a renewed search have begun. Under the fulfillment terms of the contract, many of the search costs will be borne by the consultant.

University Ombuds: Dr. Bob Staat has agreed to take up this assignment (again)--at least until June 30. Bob, who is a professor of dentistry, was also recently re-appointed by Governor Bevin to the Council on Postsecondary Education. His term on CPE will run to June 30, 2021.

Campus Events

- Celebration of Teaching and Learning, 8:30-4:30 February 9, Shelby Campus. A session of the Academic Leadership Series will be offered in partnership with the Delphi Center for Teaching and Learning as part of the 2018 Celebration.
- Kentucky Engagement Conference, March 2, Spalding College
- CPE Student Success Summit, April 9-10, Marriott Louisville East
- New Faculty Professional Development Workshop, "Community Engaged Scholarship: An Introduction to Teaching and Research," will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.