

## STATEMENT OF THE STAFF SENATE

The Staff Senate of the University of Louisville, along with the Faculty Senate and the Student Government Association, is part of the University's shared governance structure. We value our collective place in that governance structure, and take solemnly our advisory role to the leadership of the University of Louisville. Further, the Staff Senate affirms statements issued previously by the Faculty Senate and Student Government Association as they relate to the KRS compliance of appointment to, and the makeup of, the UofL Board of Trustees.

The Staff Senate of the University of Louisville also values the University's commitment to diversity and inclusion and the teaching, service, and research missions of the University. We respectfully submit this to the University's leadership so they have a guide as to how the Staff Senate feels about the present situation surrounding the Board of Trustees. Our hope is this insight will help to guide decisions and conversations yet to come.

It is in this spirit the Staff Senate takes the following as its stance:

Governor Matt Bevin should, without delay, appropriately constitute his Postsecondary Nominating Committee. Further, the Governor should utilize this legally constituted Postsecondary Nominating Committee to recommend an appropriate number of seats on the UofL Board of Trustees whose political affiliations and racial backgrounds comply with KRS 164.821 and its subsequent 1992 and 1997 amendments, as a direct response to the recent ruling of Franklin Circuit Court Judge Phillip Shepherd. The Staff Senate joins the Faculty Senate and Student Government Association in requesting prompt attention to this issue so that focus can, once again, return to providing the highest quality education to our students, researching questions of importance to the commonwealth's citizens, and providing service to our community, commonwealth and beyond.

The Staff Senate wishes to make clear this statement is not to be interpreted as neither approval nor disapproval for the Board of Trustees, its current make-up or any actions it has taken to date.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Staff Senate,  
William W. Armstrong  
Chair, 2016-2017

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