

Staff Senate Chair's Report

I am submitting this as a calendar review, or diary, so you can see the types of meetings and events where I represent the Staff Senate. If you'd prefer a different format, please let me know.

This report covers the months of **July** and **August**.

JULY

11 – July Staff Senate meeting. I am happy to be in the role, and thank Angela Lewis-Klein for her leadership for the past three years.

13 – Attended my first meeting of the Board of Trustees. The majority of the meeting was spent on providing background about U of L, its strategic goals outlined in the 2020 plan, and the mission of the institution, as dictated by HB1. Junior Bridgeman was named Chair Pro Tem; a permanent chair will be named at the Board's annual meeting in September. The great pleasure of the meeting was accepting the names of the candidates for degrees this August.

14 – Attended the Outstanding Performance Awards luncheon at the PNC Club

18 – Staff Officers met to debrief on the July meeting, Retreat and future meeting planning.

20 – Attended back-to-back meetings of the Budget Advisory Committee and the Budget Allocation Model Steering Group to discuss new possible new methodologies for budgeting at U of L

21 – Board of Trustees meeting

25 – Staff Senate Executive Committee met

27 – Board of Trustees meeting. Earlier that day, one of the AVP Finance/Controller candidates was interviewed.

AUGUST

1 – Officers met with Harlan Sands

2 – Met with Mordean Taylor-Archer to discuss Campus Conversations and on-going dialogues with constituent groups

4 & 5 – Interviews for the AVP Finance/Controller continued. Vice Chair Vickie Tencer stepped up due to my schedule and participated in those on our behalf.

8 – Officers met to discuss the Retreat, Retreat survey data, and planning and logistics of the retreat in great detail

15 – The Campus Environment Team, on which I serve, met in the Shumaker Research building to discuss how to engage the campus in topics related to diversity and inclusivity.

16 – Other AVP Finance/Controller interview occurred. Vice-Chair Vickie Tencer again represented Senate.

18 – I attended the On-Boarding presentation conducted by Business Operations on Grawemeyer; then I participated in a Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) subcommittee tasked at reviewing Cost Savings and Efficiencies.

19 – The 2016 Football Lunch Kickoff occurred and I was one of the guests of Interim President Pinto. It was a wonderful event and nice to experience firsthand the positive buzz and excitement about the University and its football program this year.

24 – I, along with members of the Faculty and Staff Senate Executive Committees, had an opportunity to meet with and question candidate Jeanell Hughes. Ms. Hughes then gave a presentation to a wider University audience to outline her philosophy of Human Resources, as well as field questions from the audience.

25 – The Board of Trustees met and approved an operating budget, along with finalizing hanging promotion and tenure items for faculty members. A commitment was made to make no tuition increase in the FY18 budget, development of which is slated to being in later fall. That evening, I was able to attend the 50 Yard Line Dinner, hosted by Mr. Tom Jurich.

29 – The Staff Senate Executive Committee met to discuss with newly elected chairs expectations of work to be done this Senate year. Vice Chair Vickie Tencer will be keeping up with committee progress, and both she and Secretary/Treasurer Sabrina Haug will be working closely as ex-officios with all committees to ensure we remain on track.

31 – I attended a football game as the guest of Interim President Pinto. I had an opportunity to get to know him a bit better, reconnect with Interim Provost Billingsley, who I knew during my time in the Honors Program, and was able to meet other members of the Board in a less chaotic environment. A 70-14 win wasn't too shabby, either!

Respectfully submitted,

Will Armstrong, Staff Senate Chair