

## **Staff Senate Chair's Report**

The following represents a series of activities, meetings, conversations and events at which I represented you, the Staff Senate, and our constituents during the month of December 2016 and January-mid-February 2017.

### **December 2016**

December 12 – Our regularly monthly meeting occurred, with a small reception held before the start of the meeting.

December 13 – The Staff Senate Executive Committee met with Interim President Pinto and Acting Provost Dale Billingsley.

December 13 – The Board of Trustees' Executive Committee, on which I sit, met at 1 p.m.

December 17 – U of L vs ECU basketball game

December 19 – SSEC met again to discuss salary equity adjustments and plans with Jeanell Hughes and Helen Combs.

December 23 – Officers met for a year-end wrap-up lunch meeting.

### **January 2017**

January 9 – I, along with other University community members, met for a work group focused on developing staff-centric ideas related to the larger University Diversity Plan.

January 19 – Lunch with Jeanell Hughes, Interim Executive Director of Human Resources.

January 20 – Met with larger Diversity Plan group to discuss workgroup output.

January 21 – The Board of Trustees met at 9:30 in Grawemeyer Hall. This is my third BOT iteration since July 2016. Whew. It was a productive meeting, and I feel good with momentum moving forward.

January 23 – Staff Senate Executive Committee met.

January 25 – Met with David Adams, Interim Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and discussed the Senate, its focus and looked for ways to work together in this interim transitional period.

January 27 – Lunch meeting with Lee Smith, Interim Chief Operating Officer. We discussed transition topics as he takes on additional responsibilities in the absence of Harlan Sands for the Wharton School of Business.

January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> – the Officers held "Meet Your Senator" events on both Belknap & HSC. While the events weren't very heavily attended by constituents (chalk that up to lessons learned) the informality of a gathering for senators was really helpful and provided us with a lot of great constructive criticism.

February 3 – the Senate Officers met to brainstorm on ideas that came out of January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> events. We are looking to get back to ways to acknowledge more appropriately new senators, orient folks correctly to our group.

**Upcoming: February 15 – Leadership Retreat on Budget; February 16 – U of L Board of Trustees meeting; Senator Officers meeting – February 20; Staff Senate Executive Committee meeting – February 27.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Will Armstrong, Staff Senate Chair