

## 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 May 2017.

May 1 – Staff Senate officers met with Lee and Jeanell in Grawemeyer Hall. I decided that we would have a meeting without administrative presence at the May meeting, initially because I anticipated there might be a lengthy nomination process for the officers and wanted to be mindful of time; but also because I hope that absence would encourage more active discussion and dialogue between the members of the Senate. This isn't to discount the importance of the updates that Jeanell and Lee provide our group, but I wanted to be sensitive to those who might be reticent to involve in full, engaged representation. I expect their return at the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

May 2 – Bimonthly 1:1 with David Adams, Interim Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

May 8 – Staff Senate regular meeting occurred. Minutes have been distributed for review and comment.

May 9 – Budget Advisory Committee (formerly Budget Development Committee). I was unable to attend due to an orthodontic issue, but Alex McWilliams did attend his first meeting as the other Staff Senate representative to this committee.

May 13 – I had intentions to attend graduation, but became ill and was unable to attend. (Believe it or not, I'm only now fully recovered – by early June!)

May 16 – Budget Advisory Committee. We were given a presentation of analytics and other data tools devised by IR that can assist the BAC in its work. It was decided it would be helpful to have presentations from ULF, HSC and the overall University budget.

May 17 – I attended a Budget Workshop for members of the Board of Trustees in Grawemeyer Hall. This was an in-depth presentation of the budget, conducted by Susan Howarth and Dr. Postel, to give insight to the Trustees in how the budget cycle occurs, what priorities and strategies are employed in that process, and how we arrived at the budget that will be voted on at the June 15 meeting. In my years at U of L, it is one of the very best documents I've seen because it has been exhaustively documented and explained *why* changes are occurring.

May 18 – The Board of Trustees and the Board of the University Research Foundation met. We heard the Budget presentation for the 2017-2018 year. While the minutes and materials we received are not yet available online, the operating budget document is online: <http://louisville.edu/president/board-of-trustees/BoTBookFY2018full20170517.pdf>

May 22 – Staff Senate Executive Committee met on Belknap Campus. We heard committee updates and discussed efforts to enhance the Senate's website by working to develop a new template, overlay onto which content can be applied.

May 23 – Budget Advisory Committee met in Ekstrom Library. Over the next three meetings, we will receive presentations from members who understand the different fund sources U of L has. This meeting, we received a presentation from Keith Sherman, Interim Executive Director of the University of Louisville Foundation (ULF). We got historical information and insight into the problems and opportunities the ULF faces moving forward.

May 30 – Budget Advisory Committee met in the Ekstrom Library. We continued our presentations into U of L Budget with Celeste Carter, Director of Finance and Administration for the EVPHA and School of Medicine’s Lead Fiscal Officer (LFO). She explained the practice plan (ULP); how the contracts operate between U of L and local hospitals; and gave us information on how general fund allocations work on the HSC.

Jun 5 – Staff Senate Officers meet with Lee Smith in Grawemeyer Hall. We heard about efforts to ensure that our procurement spend at U of L is as smart, and financially advantageous as possible, including efforts underway to look to analyze spend for non-capitalized procurement and potentially bid to maximize savings.

***Upcoming***

*June 7 – Meet with Ombuds candidate; attend Parking Consultant meeting*

*June 8 – Board of Trustees special meeting: Forensic Audit Edition*

*Jun 13 – Budget Advisory Committee with presentation from Susan Howarth on the University’s full operating budget*

*Jun 15 – Board of Trustees meeting – budget will be voted on*

*Jun 19 – Staff Senate Officers will meet*

*Jun 20 – Budget Advisory Committee*

*Jun 22 – University of Louisville Foundation (ULF) will meet*

*Jun 26 – Staff Senate Executive Committee will meet on HSC*

*Jun 27 – Budget Advisory Committee*