

**STAFF SENATE
CHAIR'S REPORT
NOVEMBER 11, 2019**

October was a busy but critical month. The finalization and actual transfer of the Ky. One, Louisville based health care facilities to the University of Louisville is going to be one of the defining moments in our entire history. Virtually, at the stroke of midnight, we went from a single hospital and a handful of referring physicians, to a comprehensive health care network with three hospitals, four urgent care centers, a mental health hospital and a network of close to 100 referring physicians. Dr. Bendapudi is going to give us a more in depth explanation of the process and rationale at our meeting in November. It is highly important that we are all comfortable with the rationale and are able to speak accurately in conversations with people both within and outside the University.

The Budget Model Committee is close to making their recommendations to the administration. This is highly important and very stimulating work to be involved in. The boiled down version is we are considering moving to a budget model that "pays" department/units an amount per credit hour they instruct. This would provide incentive for schools to recruit and retain students. It sounds simpler than it is though. There are a number of scenarios that have to be considered and none of them have easy answers. For example, it costs more to hire a professor in certain disciplines than others do. Do we pay that discipline more per credit hour than another discipline and if so, that really opens the process up to an amazingly complex formula that would consider the expense of every degree granted by the University. There are a lot of advantages to moving away from an old budget model that just gives units "their amount" back to them every year but there are a lot of complicated scenarios to work through at the same time.

After a number of delays, mainly from the library and needed quiet times, the Chick Fil A on the Health Sciences Campus has opened and is doing well.

There are two construction projects slated to start on the Belknap Campus in the near future. Those will have an impact on staff parking. One is the new resident/retail combination that will go on what is now the strip mall and blue lot on and between 3rd and 4th streets. That project will take the Blue lot away on a permanent basis. That is being moved to the current Yellow lot on 4th Street. Staff will actually gain some spots but be one block farther from where most of the users of the current Blue lot go. That project could start as early as this December. The other is the construction of the new Miller Hall. The new building will go on what is now the visitor parking lot for the SAC. Doing so allows current residents to remain in the hall while the new facility is being built. Visitor parking does not impact staff but the Red Lot behind the Red Barn will need to be used for the construction trailers and semi traffic to access the construction site. There are still a couple alternatives under consideration. This project will not begin before May. Andrew, Rhonda, Rick Williams representing Services and Facilities and I met with Gary Becker to discuss the potential options. Gary will be at our meeting in November to update everyone.

The Board of Trustees met in conjunction with the University of Louisville Athletic Association Board to discuss and approve the settlement pertaining to naming rights to the football stadium. I believe the settlement was fair and represented the best possible outcome for the University and supported the settlement.

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Meetings since October Senate Meeting

Monday, October 7, Mark Watkins Meeting, 11:00 AM, Grawmeyer Hall

Monday, October 7, ULPDC Interview, 1:00, MITC

Monday, October 7, Budget Model Committee, 3:00 PM, TBA

Tuesday, October 8, ULPDC Interview, 1:00 MITC

Monday, October 14, Staff Senate Full Meeting, 2:00 PM, CRT Building

Monday, October 21, Senate Leadership, 9:00 AM, MITC

Thursday, October 24, Board of Trustees, 1:00 PM, Grawmeyer Hall

Monday, October 28, Dr. Bendapudi Meeting, 9:00 AM, Grawmeyer Hall

Monday, October 28, Executive Space Planning Committee, 11:00 AM, TBA

Monday, October 28, Senate Executive Committee, 3:00 PM, Ekstrom Library

Tuesday, October 29, Meal Plan Committee, 1:00 PM, SAC W107

Tuesday, October 29, Dr. Bendapudi Board of Overseers, 4:00 PM, PNC Club

Thursday, October 31, Foundation Board of Directors Meeting, 10:00 AM

Tuesday, November 5, Senate Leadership Meeting, 3:30, MITC