

**STAFF SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT**  
**FEBRUARY 10, 2020**

**Board of Trustees:** At our most recent BOT meeting, we took action to change/approve bylaws of the University of Louisville Athletic Association (ULAA). Their bylaws require approval from the Board of Trustees for any changes. The reason for the change was to give President Bendapudi veto power over the ULAA. That is important to the university from a NCAA compliance standpoint especially dealing with institutional control. Other items covered were dealing with ongoing litigations and personnel matters that were discussed in executive session.

**Foundation Board Meeting:** Keith Sherman is going to give much of this same information at our February meeting. Things are going well at the Foundation. Our underwater endowment situation is improving. We were \$62 million underwater. That has been reduced to \$26 million in two years, a very encouraging and rapid recovery. At this meeting, we also approved to utilize another \$5 million from the emergency or reserves fund to further lower the level of underwater funds. This is important to the university because endowments have to be at a minimum of 90% funded for them to count toward the total funds approved for our annual "spend." To establish the annual spend, a prudent percentage is applied to all eligible funds. The larger that pool of eligible funds, the larger the amount the university receives.

**Shared Governance Workgroup:** Krista Wallace-Boaz, Michael Wade Smith and I met to establish what areas would be represented on the workgroup. We have issued calls to those groups to identify their representative(s). The deadline for that is coming soon. As soon as we have the actual people, we will convene our first meeting. We are adopting an aggressive schedule and have a goal of providing a document to the Staff Senate, Faculty Senate and Student Government Association in June so that it can be reviewed, adopted, and put into practice by the start of the 2020 fall semester, the traditional start of a new academic year.

**Provost Search Committee:** Glenn Gittings and I are representing the Staff Senate on the Provost search committee. We had our organizational meeting and a national search is being launched. We have retained the same search firm that brought us Dr. Bendapudi so we are excited to see the candidates that our search will generate. More on that as things get going in more earnest fashion.

**Construction Projects:** The groundbreaking for the new Miller Hall is on schedule and should happen in late March. The project we heard about for the new resident hall and retail merchant where the strip mall on 4<sup>th</sup> Street is has been delayed due to vendor issues. The project is still on, just with a new groundbreaking and completion date. Those are pending the vendor completing some things on their end and won't be known until they do. There is also a RFP out for a new, 120 bed, resident hall that would be constructed on Floyd Street across from the Kueber Center. The project would be spearheaded by Athletics and not involve and University funds. It would become the residence of teams that utilize the Kueber Center for their practices, i.e. men's and women's basketball, field hockey, lacrosse, but per NCAA rules, a minimum of 51% of the beds available must be for students who are not athletic team members.

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**Meetings since December Senate Meeting**

Monday, December 2, Secretary of State Pompeo, 8:30, U Club

Monday, December 2, Joint Senate Leadership Meeting with Dr. Bendapudi, 11:00 AM, Grawemeyer Hall

Friday, December 6, Provost's Reception, Coconut Beach, 3:00 PM

Monday, December 9, Staff Senate, 2:30 PM, Chao Auditorium

Thursday, December 12, Board of Trustees, 1:00 PM, Grawemeyer Hall

Tuesday, December 17, Parking Meeting, 10:30 AM, SRC Conference Room

Wednesday, December 18, Provost Search Committee, 4:00 PM, Jefferson Room

Friday, December 20, Strategic Plan Implementation Committee, 2:00, TBA

Wednesday, January 8, Mark Hebert Reception, 4:00 PM, U Club

Thursday, January 9, Dr. Bendapudi, 9:30 AM, Grawemeyer Hall

Friday, January 10, Presidents Winter Retreat, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Yum! Center

Monday, January 10, Shared Governance Workgroup, 10:00 AM,

Monday, January 13, Budget Model workgroup, 2:30 PM, Belknap Academic Building, 218

Monday, January 20, Staff Senate Leadership, 9:00 AM, MITC

Wednesday, January 22, Keith Sherman, 10:00 AM, SRC Office

Thursday, January 23, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, 1:00 PM, Grawemeyer Hall

Monday, January 27, Staff Senate Executive Committee, 2:30, Ekstrom

Tuesday, January 28, Budget Model Workgroup, 10:00 AM, BAB 218

Wednesday, January 29, Michael Wade Smith, Shared Governance 2:00, Grawemeyer Hall

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Thursday, January 30, Foundation Board, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, ULF Building

Monday, February 3, Senate Leadership, 9:00 AM, MITC

Monday, February 3, Senate Formulary Meeting, 11:00 AM, Grawemeyer Hall

Monday, February 10, Neeli, 2:00 to 5:00 PM, President's Conference Room