

**University of Louisville Staff Senate
Vice Chair's Report
Tuesday, June 9, 2020**

Sometimes, you don't need a long spiel. There are plenty of things we *could* say, as we learn that the uncertainty of mid-March was barely the half of what we're looking at as we move toward the fall semester. Thank you for your effort, for your perseverance, for your thoughtfulness, and for everything else you are doing or have done in what continues to be a challenging time—for the university; for your family, friends, and colleagues; and for yourselves. And get ready for the next adventure.

Meetings Attended

- May 13: Fall Scenarios—scheduling subcommittee meeting
- May 14: Fall Scenario Planning—Academic committee meeting
- May 14: Fall Scenarios—systems impact (w/scheduling subcommittee)
- May 18: Fall Scenario Planning—Academic committee meeting
- May 18: Staff Senate leadership meeting
- May 21: Fall Scenarios—Academic committee meeting
- May 21: PED committee meeting
- May 22: Staff Senate leadership meeting
- May 22: SMCO committee meeting
- May 26: Fall Scenario Planning—Academic committee meeting
- May 28: Staff Senate Executive Committee meeting
- May 29: ULAA Board personnel committee meeting
- June 2: PED committee meeting on telecommuting policy
- June 5: Staff Senate leadership meeting

Meetings Missed

- June 1: Fall Scenario Planning—Academic committee meeting
- June 8: Fall Scenario Planning—Academic committee meeting
- June 8: SGC committee end-of-year meeting

Committee work/looking ahead

- **Coronavirus spiel on committees and reporting:** Please remember to submit written reports from all staff senate and university-wide committees. I know I write this *every time*. Every aspect of our work at the university has been disrupted by a global pandemic. We are all still adjusting to working remotely, even as we enter the third month of doing it. The pandemic seems to be consuming everything. Still, the senate has to continue to operate—and we also need to *document* how it operated through this time. Although the COVID-19 response seems larger than and separate from the senate, our committees and representatives across the university will play a crucial role as the crisis plays out—and beyond. So, please, keep the lines of communication

open, keep making committee reports, and please let me know if/how university-wide committees are functioning.

- **Task Force on Tuition and Fee Setting (TFTFS):** The committee last met on April 27, when it had completed its charge for the year. There have been no further group meetings or correspondence.
- **U of L Athletic Association Board (ULAA):** The personnel committee met on May 29 to discuss the performance review of the athletic director and associate athletic directors. I was unable to attend the recent ULAA budget workshop, but I sent info out to the listserv and can supply commentary and the meeting recording if needed. The ULAA board meets this Friday, June 12.
- **Provost's advising task force:** The May 14 meeting of the task force was canceled as committee leaders and other members have focused on COVID-19 response for the university. The co-chairs have touched base with members recently, but there will not be another meeting until at least late June.
- **Main job:** Advisingadvisingadvisingadvising. We're three sessions into advising for orientation, and it has been nice to reconnect with the students. We're also about to welcome the new class of Brown Fellows with their usual summer activities (virtually, this year), and Honors is planning in earnest for fall (whatever it looks like).

Getting in Touch

Please feel free to reach out to me at andrew.grubb@louisville.edu or (502) 852-1482 (forwarding), especially during this trying time. I am always glad to take questions or discuss current issues. In the meantime, stay safe, and hang in there.

--Submitted by Andrew Grubb