

Chair's Report

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Covid: The drive thru vaccine site is close to only giving 2nd doses. Initial doses will be moving to doctor offices and other existing facilities. Given the low number of people showing up for the vaccines it is not possible to keep the number of staff and doses available for drive up administration. We are working to include vaccine updates on the covid dashboard. There is a major hurdle we are trying to jump and that is to get information from the state about who has received a vaccine through places other than UofL. We know who received vaccines from us but also know that a lot of people got them in Indiana, Shelby County and other places. If we load the dashboard with our stats only it will not be very accurate.

Provost: We look forward to meeting Dr. Gonzalez in our meeting today.

Miller Hall: construction is on schedule and we anticipate the new residence hall being in operation by the start of the fall semester. The hall is going to be a "game changer" given the financial option it will give many students and its' location right in the middle of campus and virtually next door to the SAC and the many student activities that take place there. The hall should be finished in mid July and we anticipate receiving an occupancy permit in early August, well before students would move in before the fall semester.

Tuition and Fees: The Tuition and Fees Committee has finalized their final report and submitted it to the Provost. I am not at liberty to discuss exact recommendations at this point before they become something concrete.

Shared Governance Workgroup: We have completed two meetings and have re-structured the committee to be more representative of actual shared governance and also being more practical to actually convene and meet. Constituency groups and administration each have four spots on the workgroup along with a trustee to be named. To this point, Michael Wade Smith, Jake Beamer, David Schultz and myself have been the attendees at the meetings working on the above items. From this point forward the entire group will start the actual work of the project.

Board of Trustees: Our last meeting was largely held in executive session. I wish I were able to report more at this time but thank you for your understanding.

Foundation Board of Directors: We had a Foundation Board of Directors meeting on April 29. I sent an email out about the decision to restore our underwater accounts to solvency and the positive impact that should have on many fronts. Our investments have done well. The “spend” recommended for the university will be the same % but that will result in an increase in actual funds available to the university.

Meetings Attended:

Wednesday, April 14, Senior Leadership, 10:30

Wednesday, April 14, Covid Advisory Combined Committee, 3:00

Wednesday, April 14, Tuition and Fees, 3:00

Thursday, April 15, Senate Leadership, 2:00

Friday, April 16, Foundation Meeting, 9:00

Monday, April 19, Huron Work Group, 9:00

Monday, April 19, Spring Forward Coordinating Committee, 1:00

Tuesday, April 20, Final Tuition and Fees, 3:00

Wednesday, April 21, Senior Leadership, 10:00

Thursday, April 22, Board of Trustees Full Meeting, 1:00

Monday, April 26, Huron Work Group, 9:00

Monday, April 26, Spring Forward Coordinating Committee, 2:00

Monday, April 26, Senate Financial Review

Tuesday, April 27, Staff Senate EC, 3:00

Wednesday, April 28, Senior Leadership, 1:00

Thursday, April 29, Foundation Board of Directors, 11:00

Friday, April 30, Tuition and Fees Cost and Affordability, Noon

Monday, May 3, Spring Forward Provost Meeting, 2:00

Wednesday, May 5, Staff Senate Officers, 10:00 AM