Tuesday, May 11, 2021

To: Staff Senate
From: Christopher Tillquist, Faculty Senate Representative to Staff Senate

Re: Faculty Senate Meeting May 5, 2021

Links:
- Link to recording of May 5 meeting: https://bit.ly/2NeIWbG
- Link to agenda of May 5 meeting: https://bit.ly/3uJO48Y

Summary:

In curricular news, the Faculty Senate approved two certificates proposed by the Department of Philosophy, an undergraduate certificate in ethics and a graduate certificate in healthcare ethics. Following approval, Provost Gonzalez signaled her support for both undergraduate and graduate certificates and other such micro credentials. In her own comments, Provost Gonzalez encouraged faculty to be proactive in encouraging students to register for the fall semester and reported that the most recent Standard and Poor’s report for UofL was a credit rating was A+ with a stable outlook (previously UofL had credit rating of A+ with negative outlook); much rejoicing could be heard from Grawemeyer Hall.

As reported last month, the Faculty Senate has been engaging with the (Central Admin) proposed Faculty Accountability Policy. The Senate agrees that a policy is needed, but there was much discussion concerning the policy description and implementation. In the end, the Senate agreed to a motion to table the Policy for further discussion in a future meeting.

That is all for now. Please feel free to contact me via email if questions or comments.