

University of Louisville Staff Senate
Vice Chair's Report
Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Meetings Attended

- December 9: Staff Senate EC/Faculty Senate XC COVID Advisory Group meeting
- December 16: Staff Senate ad hoc committee on anti-racism
- December 17: Staff Morale and Engagement (a.k.a. SMCO) committee meeting
- December 17: Spring Forward Academic Scenario Planning (P2F/S) committee meeting
- January 11: Staff and Faculty Senate leadership meeting with Gary Becker about parking rates
- January 15: ULAA Finance & Budget committee and full board meeting
- January 19: Staff Senate Executive Committee meeting
- January 21: Spring Forward Academic Scenario Planning Committee meeting
- January 27: Staff Senate leadership meeting
- February 3: Staff Grievance Committee (SGC) mid-year meeting

Meetings Missed

- January 21: Staff Morale and Engagement (SME) committee meeting (day job deadline)
- January 21: PED committee meeting (day job deadline)
- February 4: Spring Forward Academic Scenario Planning Committee meeting (head-to-head with standing meeting for day job)

Committee work/looking ahead

· **NEW AND IMPROVED** spiel on committees and reporting: Please remember to submit written reports from all staff senate and university-wide committees. Okay, the “new and improved” part is mostly that this is shorter than it was. As one Teams meeting melts into the next, please remember to keep the information flowing, and thanks for your diligence in doing so up to this point.

· **Ad hoc committee on anti-racism efforts:** The committee met for the final time on Wednesday, December 16, 2020. The committee’s final report is appended elsewhere for this senate meeting. For my part, I want to extend gratitude to each and every member of the committee; to the entire body of the Staff Senate; and to Chair John Smith and Secretary-Treasurer Rhonda Gilliland. Thank you everyone for supporting this committee’s work, and I am excited for it to continue and to become part of the institution of the senate.

· **Spring Forward Academic Scenario Planning Committee:** The committee continues to meet biweekly, as the agenda demands. The committee continues to be a venue primarily for faculty (through associate deans) to discuss course modalities, calendar issues, and other elements of the university’s ongoing COVID-19 response. In a recent discussion, committee members talked about the motivation and logistics for planning Fall 2021 course modalities (and possible pivots in the case of another surge in the pandemic). The committee also heard from Dr. Bressoud about vaccine plans (as they then existed) in December. The group also continues to discuss issues arising from incidents of bias with proctoring software.

· **U of L Athletic Association Board (ULAA):** The ULAA Finance & Budget committee met on Friday, January 15, followed immediately by a meeting of the full ULAA board. Athletics continues to work to curtail expenses and use financial levers at their disposal to prevent greater impacts to staff.

· **Provost’s advising task force:** This committee has not met since Summer 2020 and continues to wait for a report draft from its co-chairs.

· **Main job:** It’s scholarship selection season. Brown Fellows finalist invitations for our built-from-scratch virtual interviews should go out at the end of this week, and we’ll plunge into finalizing logistics for interview weekend (March 12-13). It’s a slog to get through 300 scholarship applications—most of which come from students who have achieved more at 17 than I have at 37—but all of that hair-splitting is fun, interesting, and rewarding. And it’s really cool to see the person you met on paper months ago turn into a student you’re going to work with for four years and beyond.

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