

UNIVERSITY of LOUISVILLE

STAFF SENATE MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2023

The Staff Senate of the University of Louisville held its regular meeting on June 13, 2023 on the TEAMS platform, Chair John Smith, presiding.

VOTING MEMBERS REGISTERING ATTENDANCE

ANS: Cynthia Houchens, Tammy Lawson, Rebecca Ledford, Jason Sievers **ATH:** Angela Cox, Blake LeBlanc, Daniele Morrissey, Alyssa Murphy, Christine Newton, Byron Terry **BUS:** Shannon Jenkins, Kayla Miller **COO:** Shirin Bolhari, Bobbi Carlton, Bonnie Dean, Denise Hand, Donna Hardesty, Kim Noltemeyer, Kristin Roberts, Dennis Thomas, Patti Williams **DTL:** Jody Carroll, Tessa McGilbra, Ashley O'Neil **EDU:** Barbara Bishop, Heidi Cooley-Cook, Janet Olson, Julie Thum **ERM:** Kenneth Allen **HR:** Christina Reed **KNT:** Shelby Eisenback **LAW:** Kim Sanders **LIB:** Alice Abbott-Moore, Donald Dean **MED:** Jason Beare, Michelle Blessett, Charles Carter, Kristen Darnell, Lisa Floore, Kent Gardner, Melissa Garrett, Skip Hurley, Deborah Kalbfleisch, Ruby Keith, Victoria King, Stephanie Kittle, Elizabeth Liebschutz-Roettger, Kelly Moore, Whitney Rogers, Brenda Sexton, Tony Simms, Andrew Weinberger, David Young **NUR:** Megan Johnson **PH:** Rachel Quick **PROV:** Will Adamchik, Tim Dill, Erica Gabbard, Annie Jones, Linda Leake, Kevin Ledford, John Morgan, Becky Patterson, Mark Woolwine **SPD:** Kari Donahue, Betty Nunn, Mani Vangalur **VPF:** Hayley Eisenberg **VPHA:** Bill Tuttle **VPR:** Dave Funk, Angela Lewis-Klein **VPSA:** Heather Gentry, John Smith **VPUA:** Asma Addarrat

GUESTS REGISTERING ATTENDANCE

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Mr. Josh Heird
FACULTY SENATE REP: Dr. Gerry Williger
UofL TODAY: Mr. Chris Wooton

OTHERS REGISTERING ATTENDANCE

Rebecca Barrett, Crystal Bradley, Lisa Cox, Amanda Cunningham, Kristen Doan, Shelley Dunn, Kramer Epley, Donna Ernst, Colleen Eubank, Drew Foster, Susan Fowler, Sarah Frankel, Meredith Grisanti, Paula Hensel, Virginia Hosono, Jessica Jackey, Jennifer Jones, Katherine Markuson, Shelly Martin, Sandy Milum, Terri Norris, Eric Nunn, Lesley Roberson, Sam Sheffer, Alice Sheffield, Tomeka Shelton, Shannon Steier, Nandi Thomas, Tammi Thomas, Betsy Waters, Samantha Wegner, Taleia Willis, Kelley Wise, Carol Zehnder

VOTING MEMBERS NOT REGISTERING ATTENDANCE

COO: Christina Howard, Trey Siebert **DTL:** Lisa Sirles, Faith Yount **MED:** Martin Brown, Katie Glesing, Jennifer Hall, Theora Hudson **PRES:** Leondra Gully **PROV:** Bryn Bidwell **MUS:** Christopher Dye **VPEA:** Patrick Smith **VPUA:** Nakia Strickland

CALL TO ORDER

ACTION ITEM: Approval of [May minutes](#) - John Smith

The minutes are linked above and were approved.

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UPDATE: Athletics - Josh Heird

Athletic Director Mr. Josh Heird updated senators on the happenings on and off the fields and courts. He shared a presentation that was made to the Board of Trustees earlier this month. The presentation included the following updates.

Student Athletes – Of the 672 student athletes, in spring 2023, 510 of them had a GPA of 3.0 or above and an overall 92% graduation rate. Athletics has partnered with UofL Health to provide ten full-time mental health professionals for our student athletes. For the first time in eight years, there were no hospitalizations due to mental health.

Football – As you already know, UofL has a new football coach, Jeff Brohm. There have been 5,300 new season tickets sold for the seven home games for this season.

Basketball – This UofL's women basketball team is the only team to go to the Elite 8 for the past 5 years. Recruiting for the men's basketball program has improved since the conclusion of the NCAA investigation.

UPDATE: Officers Meeting with Operations and CFO Mr. Dan Durbin – John Smith

The Staff Senate officers met with operations team members and was updated on the following topics. As a proactive security measure, the cities of Louisville and Shively are looping the UofL campus into its camera system. Another topic of the conversation was the use of the asset preservation money and the update to several HVAC systems on campus over the summer.

REPORT: Election Proceedings – Barbara Bishop/Becky Ledford

Senator Barbara Bishop reminded senators that the online ballot would remain open until 4p.m. today. Senator Rebecca Ledford then introduced each candidate to speak for the allotted five minutes.

ACTION ITEM: Seating of New and Reelected Senators – Barbara Bishop

Senator Barbara Bishop, Chair of the Credentials & Nominations Committee shared the roster of the newly and reelected senators. The new roster is linked in the report above and was approved.

REPORT: Staff Senate Chair - John Smith

At his monthly meeting with President Schatzel, Chair Smith discussed the increased challenges that non-exempt staff have regarding the ability to serve on university-wide committees. Dr. Schatzel was surprised and has scheduled a follow-up meeting to discuss further.

REPORT: Staff Senate Vice-Chair - Kevin Ledford

Vice Chair Ledford attended the ULAA meeting where the Athletic Director made the same presentation as above.

REPORT: Staff Senate Secretary-Treasurer - Carcyle Barrett

This report is online and linked above.

REPORT: Faculty Senate Representative - Gerry Williger

Dr. Williger reported that Dr. Bradley has been appointed the Interim University Provost and updated the Senate on efforts in student retention and graduation.

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REPORT: Student Government Update - Alex Reynolds

There was no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Committee on Anti-Racism Efforts (CARE) - Leondra Gully**
 - There was no report.
- **[Credentials and Nominations \(C&N\)](#) - Barbara Bishop**
 - The report is linked above.
- **[Policies and Economic Development \(PED\)](#) - Tessa McGilbra**
 - The report is linked above.
- **[Services and Facilities \(S&F\)](#) - Mark Woolwine**
 - The report is linked above.
- **Staff Grievance Committee (SGC) - Theora Hudson**
 - There was no report.
- **Staff Help and Relief Effort (SHARE) - Kari Donahue**
 - This committee met and worked on its charge.
- **Staff Morale and Engagement (SME) - Skip Hurley**
 - There was no report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary-Treasurer Senator Carcyle Barrett presented the traditional gavel to outgoing Chair John Smith.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Henry
Senate Coordinator