



## University of Louisville Staff Senate

### Vice Chair Report July 2023

Foremost in my thoughts is gratitude for being elected Staff Senate Vice Chair. I am humbled and honored to serve in this capacity. Although my role didn't officially begin until July 1<sup>st</sup>, I have hit the ground running.

June 16, 2023 – Attended the ULAA Board Meeting as a guest and was introduced as an incoming board member.

Highlights from the meeting included:

- A \$124.1 million operating budget was approved (department's largest ever)
- A \$3 million upgrade to Jim Patterson Stadium was approved
- A \$7 million renovation of the basketball and lacrosse practice facility also was approved
- Coaching contract extension was approved for volleyball coach Dani Busboom Kelly
- Joe Franklin was named Director of Track & Field and Cross Country.
- Josh Heird report that 404 student-athletes recorded a 3.0+ GPA
- Student-athletes have access to 10 mental health experts

June 21, 2023 – The newly elected officers met to exchange ideas and have established a weekly 30 minute for the officers.

June 23, 2023 – I met with Kevin Ledford, former Vice Chair, on the expectations of the role, committee assignments.

I highly anticipate the reports to grow as the new year kicks off. Please feel free to reach out with questions, concerns, and recommendations.

Respectively Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kari Donahue'.

Kari Donahue  
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