

University of Louisville Staff Senate

Chair's Report

Tuesday, October 8th, 2024

Meeting Attended

09/11 Staff Senate Officers Meeting
09/12 Tuition and Student Fees Advisory Committee
09/12 EVPFA-CFO Search Committee Kickoff Meeting
09/13 Committee Discussion w/CNN Chair and Officers
09/13 Chair Meeting w/ Ombuds
09/16 EC Meeting
09/18 Staff Senate Officers Meeting
09/19 Staff Senate Officers Meeting with CFO Reports
09/19 Officers Meeting w/ Senator
09/19 Board of Trustees Committee Meetings
09/20 Staff Senate Officers Quarterly Meeting with Business Ops
09/23 Meeting with General Counsel
09/23 Senate Chairs Monthly with President Schatzel
09/24 Staff Senate Executive Committee Meeting
09/25 Staff Senate Officers Meeting
10/02 Staff Senate Officers Meeting
10/03 University Budget Steering Committee

September saw the beginning of what I consider the real work of the year. For the chair, I had a lot of meetings, and the officers were in constant contact as we worked together to continue to advocate on the behalf of our staff. I attended the first meetings for the University Budget Steering Committee, the Tuition and Student Fee Advisory Committee and the kickoff of the EVPFA/CFO search committee. All of these committees have a whole lot of work they are trying to get done in a very aggressive timetable. I am going to try and keep you all as up to date as I can on the work being done by these groups now that they have kicked off. There is not a lot to share, but by next month, I should have details about the Budget Steering Committee and the budget principles they are putting forward as they begin their work. Also we should finalize soon the budget calendar for this upcoming year.

The EC met a couple of times, we had one meeting where we discussed the timely topics of the Presidents addressing the state legislature regarding DEI efforts. These meetings led to the statement of support put out by the EC supporting those folks who are actively doing that work, as it is essential to ensuring that UofL remains an inclusive and welcoming place for all of our staff to work, our faculty to teach and research, and our students to learn and grow.

The couple of other big things we have on our radar coming up is the formation of our ad hoc bylaw review committee to work on our 5-year review of our bylaws. This is something that we are required to do by our bylaws and it is a good way for us to have this review to ensure what we have matches the needs of the organization and has up to date language. This can be a long review and we'll likely be working with this ad hoc committee throughout this upcoming year to work through this revision process. The other major project on the horizon for the next several months will be the changeover of our Staff Senate website to the new content management system as the university moves away from plone. We will have more updates on that as that progresses.