

University of Louisville Staff Senate

Chair's Report

Tuesday, February 13th, 2024

Meeting Attended

12/13 Weekly Staff Senate Officers Meeting

12/13 Meeting with President Schatzel

12/14 University Budget and Steering Committee

12/14 Tuition and Student Fee Advisory Committee

12/14 Board of Trustees Committees Meeting

01/03 Weekly Staff Senate Officers Meeting

01/04 Joint Tuition and Fees Subcommittee Meeting

01/10 Weekly Staff Senate Officers Meeting

01/11 CODRE General Body Meeting

01/17 Weekly Staff Senate Officers Meeting

01/21 Joint Tuition and Fees Subcommittee Meeting

01/23 Meeting with President Schatzel

01/24 Weekly Staff Senate Officers Meeting

01/25 Tuition and Student Fees Advisory Committee

01/25 Board of Trustees Meeting

01/29 University Budget and Steering Committee

01/31 Weekly Staff Senate Officers Meeting

01/31 UofL Foundation Board of Directors Meeting

02/05 Conversation with Interim VPHR

02/07 VPHR Search Committee Meeting

02/07 Speaking Engagement for "What Is Shared Governance" Faculty Professional Development

02/07 Board of Trustees Meeting

02/09 EC Special Meeting

Once again, it was a packed period, with two months, there was a lot of progress on the Budget Steering committee and the Tuition and Fees Advisory Committee. Dan Durbin will talk a bit today about the budget and the initiatives going on in his office, but I can say we are making a lot of progress towards the next years budget. I am just one voice in those rooms, but I am constantly advocating for staff and supporting out human capital as we design out budget for the next year.

We had several Board Meetings, both with the main board and the foundation boards. We continue to see success with our account management from the foundation, bringing us back to a good space from where we were back in 2016. The progress is amazing, and I am going to try and get Keith Sherman in soon to talk to you all a bit about the foundation and what they do.

The Board of Trustees voted to approve the appointment of Dr. Gerry Bradley for the role of Provost after serving for two years over two different tenures in the role. I will speak a bit more about this at the meeting we have coming up and what I hope it means for staff as we move forwards.

I also spoke at an Faculty Development panel along with the Faculty Senate Chair, a representative from CODRE and COSWA and the AAUP President. It was a session to educate faculty about Shared Governance at UofL, the bodies that are there and the roles they have, as well as discussion about how they can work with each of those groups in shared governance. I think this is great for Faculty to see Staff represented in those circles.

Lastly, and certainly not least, we saw the kickoff of the search committee for the new VPHR. I am excited to be our voice in this search and am hoping we can have some good candidates to recommend and who can work hand in hand with staff to help fix a lot of our HR issues.