

University of Louisville Staff Senate

Chair's Report

Tuesday, April 9th, 2024

Meeting Attended

03/13 Weekly Staff Senate Officers Meeting

03/14 Tuition and Student Fee Advisory Committee

03/14 Meeting with Interim VPHR with Eugene Mueller to discuss Retiree Benefits

03/18 Officers Meeting with CFO reports

03/20 VP Finance and Administration Search Committee Meeting

03/20 University Budget Steering Committee Meeting

03/21 Board of Trustees Committee Meetings

03/22 Staff Senate Budget Workbook Meeting

03/26 Staff Senate Executive Committee Meeting

03/27 Weekly Staff Senate Officers Meeting

03/28 VP Finance and Administration Search Committee Meeting

03/28 Tuition and Student Fees Advisory Committee Meeting

03/28 Board of Trustees Meeting, ULAA Board (Appointment of Men's Basketball Coach)

04/01 Monthly Meeting with President Schatzel

04/03 Follow-up with SME Chair

04/04 VP Finance and Administration Search Committee Meetings

04/08 Meeting with new CIO

It was a busy and good month. We saw the end of the KY legislature session, without the two DEI bills making it forwards, and the biennial budget looks to be a very favorable one this year. President Schatzel will be sharing more details at the meeting.

The University Budget and Steering Committee held our final meeting. The budget office has our recommendation and priorities, and it is now in their hands.

We are making good progress for the VP Finance and Administration search, and we are currently doing preliminary interviews. This process is moving along quickly and going well.

We are currently waiting on our search firm to finish the candidate pool for the VPHR position. I should have a bigger update on that next month.

Eugene Mueller and I followed up with the Interim VPHR and President Schatzel and got more detail on the retiree usage of the EAP benefits. This was something that had not been our vendor contract for some time. The language however was incorrect in the documentation that retirees were receiving. The adjustment was made to accurately reflect the benefits presented matched the language in the contract. There is not a solid verification with our EAP provider to identify an employee versus a retiree, so retirees may have still been able to use this benefit even though it wasn't in the contract. HR is willing to look at the viability of retiree's using that benefit, but it isn't a standard thing for retirees to have access to an employee benefit, and there will likely need to be a cost analysis with the vendor. HR also got Eugene and I some usage numbers to review on the program.

Lastly, we saw the hiring of a new men's basketball head coach. Kari Donahue represented Staff Senate at the ULAA Board meeting. We are excited for the energy coach Kelsey brings to the program and are eager to see what he can do once he has a team on the court.

Kevin Ledford
Staff Senate Chair