

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

FACULTY SENATE MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: November 6, 2024 TIME: 3:00-5:00 PM SITE: Chao Auditorium

[LINK TO FULL VIDEO](#)

SPECIAL ELECTION: Ballot Planning & Budget Committee – Acklin

Senator Acklin presented the special ballot and sought floor nominations. None were made and nominations were closed. The online ballot will remain open for 48 hours until Friday November 8th at 5PM.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the October Minutes – Mueller

The October meeting minutes were approved and are linked above.

REPORT: University Provost – Bradley

Provost Bradley reported on the following topics.

- **Enrollment and Retention** – The fall 2024 enrollment numbers are at an all-time high as are the first time in college and freshmen class. The retention from year one to year two increased 4% over last year to 81.5%. The six-year graduation rate was predicted to fall below 60% because of the Covid impact. The actual number was 61.1%, which was a happy surprise. The highest was just before Covid hit at 62.2%. Sights are set on reaching 70% over the next few years.
- **Faculty Compensation Review Committee** – Dr. Bradley updated senators that he has put together a committee to address compression issues, lack of including years and service, and the inconsistencies across units. This committee is charged with making recommendations on how to move forward on these issues and move to a merit-based system. The committee's charge and membership is in the presentation.
- **Library's Journal Subscriptions** – The current journal subscription issue is a huge problem across higher education. Libraries Dean Dr. Bob Fox and his staff have been working on trying to separate bundled journals in hopes of being able to subscribe to a single journals with high utilization. The publishers are not inclined to separate the bundles, which are extremely expensive. These are recurring costs as contracts are renewed every year.

This report is online and linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)

INFORMATION ITEM: Course Modalities Standards | Summary – DePuy

Senior Vice Provost Dr. Gail DePuy explained the increase of teaching modalities from two (in-person and online asynchronous) to four (in-person, online asynchronous, online synchronous, and blended). This is to give faculty a wider choice in modalities for delivering their courses and to better inform students on course expectations before they register. These are additional modalities for faculty to use and not a requirement. This information is online and linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)

Clarification: [Blended courses will not have an online fee.](#)

REPORT: Student Government – Waddle

Ms. Waddle reported that the SGA is funding the library's extended hours during finals week; she was appointed as the student representative to the Council on Post-Secondary Education; the SGA provided funding to the Mail Room for postage for mail-in ballots; the SGA is putting together care packages for Metro College students; and the SGA is covering the \$15 testing fee for proctors for finals. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)

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REPORT: Staff Senate - Patterson

Ms. Patterson reported that the Staff Senate met last month and heard from President Schatzel; the Ombudsman report from Dr. Diane Tobin; Mr. Nick Peak on governmental matters; and Ms. Danna Williams reported for Cyber Security Month. This report is online and linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)

REPORT: Faculty Senate Chair – Mueller

Chair Mueller reported on the following topics.

Library Journal Subscriptions – Dr. Mueller reported that he has continued to advocate for one-time funding to help the Library. He serves on the University Budget Steering Committee and will work to come up with a solution for the Library to keep journal subscriptions appropriate for an R1 institution.

Rave Alert – The alert that came out on Halloween should have been labeled a ‘timely warning’ and not an ‘alert’, as there was no immediate danger to anyone on campus. He spoke with ULPD Chief Steve Green about the mislabeling of the message.

Faculty Compensation Study – As a matter of fairness, Dr. Mueller is advocating for a second phase as was given to the Staff Compensation Study, as well as the resumption of merit-based salary increases. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)

REPORT: University Ombudsman – Tobin

The University’s Ombudsman, Dr. Diane Tobin explained the purpose of her office and reported on activity over the past year. She reported on the eight trends that developed over the year from October 2023 to October 2024. She also noted a large increase in contacts in the year. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)

ACTION ITEM: Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Analytics for Decision Making – Ng

After a description of the certificate program, it was mentioned that the College of Business has a similar certificate. The current proposal was tabled until further investigation into the possible overlap. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)

ACTION ITEM: Proposed Closure of Dentistry Certificates – Ng

This was an administrative closure due to the lack of enrollment over the past ten years. The certificate closures were approved and information is linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)

INFORMATION ITEM: Course Equity Grade Dashboard - Barrow/Boswell/Sweeney-Martin/Young

The presentation team provided data to enhance teaching practices, and, in workshop form, can be scheduled in individual departments or units. The focus of the use of the dashboard is to improve equitable course outcomes towards increasing the graduation rate. The team gave a demonstration of the dashboard and various data sets. The presentation is linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)

INFORMATION ITEM: University Club - Barr-Pulliam

Dr. Barr-Pulliam reported on the reopening of the University Club under Board management with new management and staff. He invited senators to come try the new dining menu, get carry out orders, or enjoy the pub. There are various levels of membership. The presentation is online and linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)

REPORTS: Standing Committees

- **Academic Programs – Ng**
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- **Committee on Committees & Credentials – Acklin**

As above with the special election.

- **[Executive Committee](#) – Wallace**

This report is online and linked above.

- **[Part-time Faculty](#) - Fuller**

This report is online and linked above.

- **Planning & Budget – Harris**

This committee had no report.

- **[REDBOOK & Bylaws](#) - Winters**

This report is online and linked above.

OTHER REPORTS

- **AAUP Representative – Cunningham**

Senator Cunningham reported that the AAUP is working on three initiatives.

- **CODRE Representative – Rougier**

Senator Rougier reported that CODRE will host a panel discussion on November 14th at the Yearling Club for a panel discussion. Panelists include former mayor Mr. Greg Fischer, Dr. Ricky Jones, Ms. Rosalie Welch, and Reverend Andrew Miller. State Senator Gerald Neal will moderate. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)

- **[COSW Representative](#) - Nasraoui**

This report is online and linked above.

- **[Sustainability Council](#) - Tillquist**

At its meeting this morning, a discussion took place on upcoming changes to TARC routes. The report is online and linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)

- **[ULARP Representative](#) - Wise**

This report is online and linked above.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Follett Bookstore – Senator Dale McIntosh shared that he met with a Follett representative and discussed various solutions to the issues – more communication, training, and web site updates. He also provided information on the bookstore scholarships. To hear more, [please go to the video.](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 M.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Henry