

UNIVERSITY of LOUISVILLE

STAFF SENATE MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: April 9, 2024 | TIME: 2:30 PM | LOCATION: Microsoft Teams

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ACTION ITEM: Approval of [March minutes](#) - Kevin Ledford

The March meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

REPORT: [Legislative Session and State Budget](#) - Kim Schatzel

President Schatzel reported that the DEI and tenure bills in this legislative session did not pass and made it clear that the university has an unwavering commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. She went on to discuss the positive impact the state's budget has on UofL. Some of the funding will cover inflationary cost increases, an immigration law clinic, pediatric cancer research, a cybersecurity academic program, and other initiatives. Also included is the \$280M HSC Collaboration Hub, asset preservation funds, and a Center for Rural Cancer Education and Research. This report is online and linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

UPDATE: [Community Engagement Strategic Plan](#) - Douglas Craddock

Dr. Douglas Craddock from the Office of Community Engagement reported on the progress of UofL's 2023-2025 Community Engagement Strategic Plan goals. He explained what the goals are and the paths to achieving them. This presentation is online and linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

INFORMATION: [New Mobile App](#) - Chief Green

Chief Green reported on the status of the Card Armor app that is still under development but is ready for BETA testing. Testing may last through the summer to be up and fully functional by the first day of fall classes, if not sooner. The app will have a feature similar to Uber or Lyft. Because there are not enough cars to accommodate this feature, the process to request a ride on HSC will remain the same – call dispatch and request transportation. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

REPORT: [Staff Senate Chair](#) - Kevin Ledford

Senate Chair Ledford reported on the meetings he attended and the progress of various administrative search committees. This report is online and linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

REPORT: [Staff Senate Vice-Chair](#)- Kari Donahue

Senate Vice Chair Donahue reported on the meetings she attended and the timelines of the various construction projects. This report is online and linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

REPORT: [Staff Senate Secretary-Treasurer](#) - Carcyle Barrett

Senate Secretary-Treasurer Barret provided updates to the Senate's budget for February and March. This report is online and linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

REPORT: [Faculty Senate Representative](#)- Tiffney Gipson-Goodwin

This report is online and linked above.

REPORT: [Student Government Update](#) - Jeremy Faulhaber

Mr. Faulhaber reported that the SGA's AVP Mr. Alex Reynolds was influential in creating the Card Armor app. SGA is still working on transitioning the new Top 4 electees. Mr. Dontre Quarles will be the new Services Vice President.

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Anti-Racism Efforts (CARE) - Leondra Gully

Members of this committee met with the Office of Institutional Equity to seek guidance in developing a climate survey of the Staff Senate. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

Credentials and Nominations (C&N) - Barbara Bishop

C&N Chair Senator Bishop reminded senators that, per the bylaws, to continue to serve in the upcoming fiscal year (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025) a new application must be filled out by April 15, 2024. The link to the application is in the report linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

Policies and Economic Development (PED) - Tessa McGilbra

This committee met on March 28th and discussed the Staff Professional Leave Policy. The report is online and linked above. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

Services and Facilities (S&F) - Mark Woolwine

This committee is working with Dan Durbin's office to schedule a campus walk. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

Staff Grievance Committee (SGC) - Theora Hudson

No new grievances were filed this past month, so there was no report.

Staff Help and Relief Effort (SHARE) - Tammy Lawson

This committee has not received any new applications, so there was no report.

Staff Morale and Engagement (SME) - Skip Hurley

This committee is brainstorming ideas for staff-oriented events. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion took place on the future of the Rauch Planetarium. Chair Ledford will send a poll to the list serve to gauge the general consensus of the senate. To hear more, [please go to the video](#).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Henry
University Senates