

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda

Date: March 5, 2025 Time: 3:00-5:00 PM Site: Chao Auditorium

- Call to Order** Mueller
- In memoriam:** Dr. Dennis Hall Billingsley
- Action Item:** Approval of the [February Minutes](#) Mueller
- Remarks:** University President (4:15) Schatzel
- *Attended the State of the City, State of the Commonwealth, and State of the Union address (as a guest of Rep. Morgan McGarvey)*
 - *Judge ruled that NIH funding cuts cannot take place, but there are still unknowns since there has been a pause on grant processing*
 - *Has been explaining to legislators what indirect costs are and why those funds are so important*
 - *Directed FS Chair to share [FAQs](#) that followed up on the [Dear Colleague letter](#)*
 - *[KY HB4](#), which has now passed the House, targets non-academic training for employees. There are extensive carveouts from the 2024 version of the bill. It should not impact research, classes, accreditation, etc.*
 - *Acknowledged the fear and anxiety this situation has created around our ability to educate our students. The level of uncertainty is also challenging.*
 - *We are not stopping doctoral applications and faculty should continue with their research as best as possible.*
 - *We do not discriminate.*
 - *Proposed Medicaid cuts would have an enormous impact, particularly on rural hospitals in KY (which has the 2nd highest usage of Medicaid in the country)*
- Report:** University Provost DePuy
- *College of Business Dean candidates will visit campus soon*
 - *Fall 2025 deposits are up by 380+ when compared to Fall 2023 (2024 not used due to FAFSA issues)*
 - *“15 to Finish” campaign – encouraging students to take 15 credit hours/semester*
 - *This helps students maintain full-time status, graduate on time, reduces debt, and helps UofL to obtain performance funding*
 - *Data shows hours attempted are up, hours completed are a bit down, and students’ GPAs are up*
 - *Life Sciences and Humanities will close for renovations in Spring 2026, but all classes have already been relocated*
 - *Inclement Weather Policy: Working with HR on a plan that addresses university closures versus remote work/instruction*
- Report:** Student Government Waddle
- *Adding more funds to cover testing center fees*
 - *Extending library hours during finals*
 - *Traveled to DC to advocate for various issues including federal consensus on NIL funding (so schools with different state laws won’t have a leg up on recruiting)*
- Report:** [Staff Senate](#) Patterson
- Report:** Faculty Senate Chair Mueller
- *Only searches that had a written or verbal offer prior to the hiring freeze can move forward,*

although Deans can request exceptions from the Provost

- Adobe Creative Cloud license renewal – watch for calls for feedback in UofL Today
- Advocating for a sustainable budget to maintain library collections

Information Item: Changes to Card Pass

Becker

- Additions to the talk since presenting to Staff Senate:
 - Students only need to download a QR code once per semester; Parking “can look at adjusting frequency” for employees
 - Not everyone received the email with the QR code; working with OCM to get correct email list for all current students/employees
 - People without smartphones have to get one but he can provide resources for free/cheap ones
 - New process doesn’t take effect until 4/1 but everyone is encouraged to test it now so they can work out the kinks
 - Very strong hints that this benefit will not remain free

Information Item: TARC Changes

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- <https://www.ridetarc.org/tarc2025/> provides access to information about proposed new plans as well as a survey

Discussion Item: [Proposed Bylaws Amendment](#)

Winters

- This will be voted on at the next meeting

Standing Committee Reports

- [Academic Programs](#) Ng
- Committee on Committees & Credentials Acklin
- [Executive Committee](#) Wallace
- [Part-time Faculty](#) Fuller
- [Planning & Budget](#) Harris
- [REDBOOK & Bylaws](#) Winters

Other Committee Reports

- AAUP Representative Cunningham
 - Requested additional information about Faculty Compensation Study; Provost is away on a site visit and will respond when he returns
 - Keeping tabs on legislation at state and federal levels and its effects on us
- CODRE Representative Rougier
- [COSW Representative](#) Nasraoui
 - Open House 3/27/25 12-2 pm at Cultural & Equity Center
- [Sustainability Council](#) Tillquist
 - Note petition to ask Metro Council to increase funding to TARC
- [ULARP Representative](#) Wise

Old Business

New Business

Announcements

Adjournment