

THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

STAFF SENATE MEETING SUMMARY

February 14, 2023

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ACTION ITEM: Approval of [December minutes](#) - John Smith

The December minutes were approved and are online and linked above.

REPORT: Online Strategy and Innovative Teaching - Kelvin Thompson

Chair Smith introduced Mr. Kelvin Thompson, the new Vice Provost for Online Strategy & Innovative Teaching. Mr. Thompson gave a brief overview of his background that includes 24+ years at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. On a visit in October, his family was impressed with UofL, where his daughter is excited to be a freshman next fall. He has started a listening and connection tour he calls 90 Conversations in 90 Days. He said he feels very fortunate to have been invited to join the UofL community. **To hear more, [please go to the video](#) at minute 3:00**

REPORT: Presidential Report - Kim Schatzel

Dr. Schatzel reported that in her first two weeks she and her husband have received many warm welcomes from the campus community, Louisville and across the Commonwealth. She went on to update the Senate on her priorities. Shared Governance is one of Dr. Schatzel's main priorities. She often says that 'leadership is a team sport' and is deeply committed to shared governance. Listening sessions are scheduled for Belknap and HSC campuses so President Schatzel can hear from faculty, staff and students. **To hear more, [please go to the video](#) at minute 1:10:13**

REPORT: Staff Senate Chair - John Smith

Chair John Smith reported on several recent activities. He met with Mr. Lee Gill, Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for a conversation on the state of the staff. Chair Smith is a member of the Legislative Advisory Committee. The state legislature is currently in session, so the committee meets weekly to discuss the pending bills and what impact they may have on UofL. The Shared Governance Work Group has met and Dr. Gonzalez will return as a co-chair. **To hear more, [please go to the video](#) at minute 43:12.**

REPORT: Staff Senate Vice-Chair - Kevin Ledford

Vice Chair Kevin Ledford reported that he attended the UofL Athletic Association (ULAA) Board of Directors meeting in January. As everyone has heard by now, the Cardinal Stadium has been renamed the L&N Federal Credit Union Stadium. **To hear more, [please go to the video](#) at minute 46:34.**

REPORT: Staff Senate Secretary-Treasurer - Carcyle Barrett

This report is online and linked above. **To hear more, [please go to the video](#) at minute 48:00.**

REPORT: Student Government Update - Ethan Rutter

Mr. Ethan Rutter reported that a Services Town Hall will be held on Monday, February 20th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Red Barn. The SGA hears a lot from students regarding services (dining, housing, parking, etc.) and this is an opportunity to meet the people who provide those services. **To hear more, [please go to the video](#) at minute 48:50.**

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Committee on Anti-Racism Efforts (CARE) - Leondra Gully**
 - This committee continues to work on the recommendations that were put forth by the ad hoc committee.
 - To hear more, [please go to the video](#) at minute 50:20.
- **[Credentials and Nominations \(C&N\)](#) - Barbara Bishop**
 - This report is online and linked above.
 - To hear more, [please go to the video](#) at minute 51:15.
- **Policies and Economic Development (PED) - Martin Brown**
 - This committee continues working on the Staff Grievance Policy and a potential Anti-Bullying/Harassment Policy.
 - To hear more, [please go to the video](#) at minute 54:53.
- **[Services and Facilities \(S&F\)](#) - Mark Woolwine**
 - This report is online and linked above.
 - To hear more, [please go to the video](#) at minute 55:42.
- **Staff Grievance Committee (SGC) - Theora Hudson**
 - There was no report.
- **[Staff Help and Relief Effort \(SHARE\)](#) – Tony Simms**
 - This report is online and linked above.
 - To hear more, [please go to the video](#) at minute 57:30.
- **Staff Morale and Engagement (SME) - Skip Hurley**
 - This committee met last week and will begin revising its charter.
 - To hear more, [please go to the video](#) at minute 57:51.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **[Bookstore Advisory Committee](#) - Barbara Bishop**
 - This report is online and linked above.
 - To hear more, [please go to the video](#) at minute 1:02:26.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Heritage Week** - Senator Mani Vangalur announced that the Asian, Asian-American Faculty & Staff Association ([AAPI](#)) will hold its Heritage Week activities from April 10-14, 2023. More information will be available soon. To hear more, [please go to the video](#) at minute 1:06:06.
- **Music School Renovation** – Senator Donald Dean reported that the School of Music will close for the summer as renovations to the entire HVAC system take place. To hear more, [please go to the video](#) at minute 1:06:48.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.