

Report of the Faculty Senate Chair 3/2/22

The Executive Committee met on 2/21 and received reports from Standing Committee liaisons. Faculty Welfare is compiling and reviewing data from the recent survey of full-time faculty and will present their report at our April 4th meeting.

Meetings of the Problem Solvers group (myself, Regent Marion, Vice Chair Kay and Provost Zeigler) continue to be productive. There will be clarification to Deans and Department Chairs that the Senate Vice Chair is to receive $\frac{1}{4}$ reassigned time. Thanks to all of our colleagues who pass along concerns to us so that we may bring them up with administration.

I reported to the Board of Regents (2/25/22) and shared the Compact Budget Report prepared by the Budget Committee and informed them of the adjustments to this year's process for electing the Faculty Regent.

Some positive news—as of now, faculty who retire will be given free parking privileges on campus in Employee zones. Those in the process of retiring are guided through how to enroll, and faculty who have previously retired should contact HR if they would like to take advantage of this benefit.

I have been busy not only with Senate work but with serving on the search committee for Dean of the College of Business and the committee planning President McFaddin's Installation ceremony and festivities in late April. Somehow, I still found time to give a faculty piano recital on 2/15, which is available on YouTube in case you are interested. Type in EKUSOM into the search line. I premiered a group of pieces I wrote during the pandemic in 2020 and hope to publish this spring.

After having COVID myself (triple vaccinated) I am gratified to see that we appear to be emerging from the pandemic and perhaps returning to a more normal life.

I hope that you all have a rejuvenating Spring Break.

Sincerely,

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