

## 2009 Annual Report - Executive Committee

The Executive Committee (XC) of the Faculty Senate meets the third Wednesday of the month and often the meetings extend to the fourth Wednesday. The XC hears reports from the Chairs/Representatives of the 6 standing senate committees and provides guidance for current issues being addressed by the committees. Another function of the XC is to receive nominations and help staff university wide committees when faculty senate representation is required. The committees' assignments range from standing committees of the university such as the Undergraduate Council and Academic Program Review Committee to ad-hoc groups including the Blue Ribbon Advisory Panel - Budget Cuts. The XC also receives and often debates timely reports from various administrative groups and university organization. A non-exhaustive list of presentations for discussion to the XC during the past year includes:

Human Resources - Health insurance plans for the coming year

Office of Finance - UofL budget for 2009-2010 (twice)

Provost's Office - Draft of updated personnel policies

Ad Hoc Administrative Policies Committee - informal overview

Revised Faculty Exit Survey - invited faculty to test it

Council of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL) - Governor's Higher Ed Work Group

Office of Finance - Discussion of budget cutting approaches.

UofL's Legislative Liaison - Current legislative session and XC activity.

COSFL - Legislative issues regarding tenure and textbooks.

UofL Compliance Oversight - Code of Conduct documents

Communications and Marketing Group - Media Relations Training.

Encryption of Sensitive Information at UofL.

As Chair of the XC, I would like to commend the members of the committee for their thoughtful and constructive comments offered and to the University's administration for their participation in the shared governance process. Faculty at other universities point to the benefits of our shared governance as a major reason UofL is so effective, even in these times of budgetary constraints.

Respectfully,

Robert Staat

Chairman, Faculty Senate Executive Committee