Faculty Senate
May 5, 2003
3:30 p.m.

Call to order

Approval of Minutes:
April 7, 2003

Reports:
Report from the President: Senator Glasser
Report from the Executive Committee Chair: Senator Johnson
Report from the Faculty Regent: Senator Schloemann
Report from the COSFL Representative: Senator Siegel
Report from the Provost: Senator Wasicsko
Report from the Student Government Association: Mary J. Hall
Report from Standing Committees:
   Budget Committee: Senator Wade
   Rules Committee: Senator Yoder
   Rights and Responsibilities Committee: Senator Callahan
   Elections Committee: Senator Everett
   Committee on Committees: Senator Wolf
   Faculty Welfare Committee: Senator Rahimzadeh
Report from Ad Hoc Committees:
   Plus/Minus Grading: Senator Fisher

Unfinished Business:
Motion: Lecturers/Part-time Lecturers
Senate Bill 152 Motion

New Business:
Report from the Council on Academic Affairs: Senator Wasicsko
   1. Academic Loads for Summer Term (informational item only)
   2. Act Concerning Policy of Replacing Grades

Adjournment
Faculty Senate Agenda
Organizational Meeting
May 5, 2003
10 minutes after previous meeting

Call to Order

Announcements:
Announcement from Senator Coyer

New Business: Elections

Election of 2003-2004 Chair: Senator Keith Johnson - nominated

Executive Committee (Four openings) [replacements for Banks, Flanagan, Konkel and Milde]
Continuing members:
Senate Chair, Charlotte Hubbard, Larry Collins, Mark Wasicsko (or new Provost), Pam Schlomann - Regent - ex officio

Budget Committee (Two openings) [replacements for Hart, Siegel]
Continuing members:
Mark Wasicsko (or new Provost); Senate Chair, ex-officio; Alice Jones, Jane Rainey, John Wade

Elections Committee (Five openings) [replacements for Rini, McGuire, Sutton, Wolf and Everett]
No Continuing members:

Rules Committee (Two openings) [replacements for Melton, and M. Yoder]
Continuing members:
Betsy Matthews, Nancy McKenney, and Jane Rainey

Faculty Welfare Committee (Two openings) [replacements for Rahimzadeh and Kristofik]
Continuing members:
Gary Barksdale, ex officio, Charlotte Hubbard, Pam Schlomann and Garett Yoder

Committee on Committees (Five openings) [replacements for Fister, Marken, Polmanteer, Rahimzadeh and Wolf]
Continuing members:
Garett Yoder

Rights and Responsibilities (Three openings) [replacement for Lynn Gillaspie, Dolores Marken and Marta Miranda]
Continuing members:
Connie Callahan and Laura Koppes

COSFL: Two representative and two alternates (in addition to Senate Chair)
last year’s representative s was Carolyn Siegel and Gil Smith with A.G. Dunston and Charlotte Rich serving as alternates

Secretary

Adjournment
### Executive Committee Meetings - 2003/2004 Academic Year

- August 25
- September 22
- October 20
- November 17
- December 15
- January 26
- February 23
- March 22
- April 19

### Faculty Senate Meetings - 2003/2004 Academic Year

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Senate Chair: TBA

Senate Secretary: TBA

Parliamentarian: Robert Miller JRMWine@aol.com
The Faculty Senate of Eastern Kentucky University met on Monday, April 7, 2003, in the South Room of the Keen Johnson Building. Senator Johnson called the eighth meeting of the academic year to order at approximately 3:30 p.m.

The following members were absent:


*Indicates prior notification to the Senate Secretary.

Visitors to the Senate: Onda Bennett, Occupational Therapy; Sue Cain, Developmental Education; Jim Clark, Government Relations; Jim Conneely, Student Affairs; Mary J. Hall, Student Government Association; Ken Johnston, Finance; Cassandra Kirby, The Eastern Progress; Diana McGregor, Academic Advising; Aaron Thompson, Enrollment Management; and Elizabeth Wachtel, Academic Affairs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
The March 3, 2003 minutes were approved as revised with the meeting date changed on pages 2-6.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT: Senator Johnson.
Senator Johnson reported that the Executive Committee met on March 24, 2003 and discussed tabled issues from March’s Senate meeting.

Senator Johnson announced that a new bookstore committee is being formed, and one or two faculty members are needed to serve on the committee. Anyone interested in serving on this committee should contact Senator Johnson.

FACULTY REGENT'S REPORT: Senator Schlomann
Senator Schlomann announced that the next Board meeting will be on April 25, 2003.

Senator Schlomann discussed the motion on Senate Bill 152 which will be presented later in the meeting.

COSFL REPORT: Senator Siegel
Senator Siegel reported that COSFL will meet later this month. One of the items on the agenda will be Senate Bill 152.

PROVOST REPORT: Senator Wasicsko
Senator Wasicsko reported that a recommendation has been made to the President to ask the Board to reverse their decision on the change in tuition policy for this fall. This does not include the original 9.3% tuition change which was approved over a year ago, but rather the modifications considered for this year only. The issue may be re-addressed in the fall after further review.

Senator Wasicsko encouraged the senators, as well as all faculty, to attend the campus forums with the Provost candidates. There are still two candidates left to interview.
Senator Wasicsko stated that the President has been working diligently with the budget council to establish general guidelines to use for next year’s budget. Those guidelines should be available soon. Senator Wasicsko further stated that Kentucky seems to have fared slightly better in the legislative process than some of the surrounding states.

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORT:** Mary J. Hall
Ms. Hall expressed her appreciation to the senators for their continued support throughout the year.

Spring Fling is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the Powell Center. There are roughly 45 booths scheduled to participate.

Ms. Hall reported that there will be a presidential/vice presidential debate on Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Services Building auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend.

SGA Elections are scheduled for April 15, 2003 from 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Students may either vote in the Powell Building or online.

SGA’s annual banquet will be on Tuesday, April 22, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the Stratton Cafe. The Senate members are invited to attend as guests of SGA. If you plan to attend, please R.S.V.P. to Ms. Hall.

SGA’s constitution revisions are finished and will be presented to the Board of Regents on April 25, 2003. The bylaw revisions for all three areas have been approved already.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Budget Committee.** Senator Wade gave a brief background on the advising fee motion which will be presented later in the meeting.

Senator Wade reported that he has drafted a motion regarding the Athletic Committee report for the committee to review and hopefully bring forward to the Senate in the near future.

**Rights and Responsibilities Committee.** Senator Callahan distributed a handout to the senators for their review. The two questions addressed in the handout are 1) Does EKU need a university ombudsman and, if so, what duties should they be assigned and 2) With the growing crime of identity theft, should a policy be instituted at the university to limit the use of faculty social security numbers? Any comments regarding the handout should be e-mailed to either Senator Callahan or one of the other committee members.

**Elections Committee.** Senator Johnson reported for Senator Everett. Departments should notify the elections committee of senate replacements as soon as possible.

Senator Everett has asked department chairs to distribute a letter from the Elections Committee to part-time faculty regarding nominees for a new part-time faculty representative replacement for the Senate. Once nominees are received from departments, an election will be held sometime during mid-April. Election results should be available by the May meeting.

**Committee on Committees.** Senator Wolf reported that faculty recently received an e-mail notice for online self-nominations to University Committees for the 2003-2004 academic year. The committee will meet on Monday, April 14 to review the responses. Individuals may still access the form and make submissions through April 14. The online form is available at the following web address: http://www.eku.edu/academics/facultysenate/2003nominations/.
Faculty Welfare Committee. Senator Rahimzadeh reported that the committee has met twice within the last month. The committee is currently in the process of gathering data to work out an equity adjustment process.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Plus/Minus Grading. Senator Fisher reported that the committee has met once since the last Senate meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for April 21. Data was collected through April 1.

All of the benchmark universities’, as well as all of the other state universities’, phone interviews have been completed. In addition, all of the faculty survey data has been entered into the database. The open-ended responses are now being included and should be completed within the next couple of days.

Student surveys are being scanned and the open-ended responses are being entered. The timeline for completion of this stage is by April 11. Three committee members have volunteered to begin analyzing that data next week with the preliminary findings to be reported at the April 21 committee meeting. An interim report should be available to the Senate at the May meeting. The final committee report isn’t due until October, 2003.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

EKU Medical Leave Policy. Senator Wasicsko moved, seconded by Senator Siegel, at the last Senate meeting to approve the proposed EKU Medical Leave policy. As the issue was substantive, Senator Johnson deferred the motion to today’s meeting. The motion to accept the Medical Leave Policy was approved by the Senate.

Budget Committee Motion on the Advising Fee. Senator Wade moved approval of the motion, seconded by Senator Miranda, at the last Senate meeting. Senator Johnson ruled the motion substantive and deferred discussion to today’s meeting. The majority of the Senate were not in favor of the motion, and the motion failed for lack of support.

Lecturer/Part-Time Lecturer. Senator Waciscko moved, seconded by Senator Callahan, to recommend the following motion to the President:

That effective with the fall of 2003 and for a period of two years, we try pilot programs to create and test the concept of "Lectureship" in its broad definition, will be permitted under the following guidelines:

Departments, working in concert with their dean, may develop procedures and guidelines for the use of Lectureships for specific purposes that are unavailable under current faculty regulations. Any such plan will have the approval of the department faculty, chair and dean prior to submitting it for approval to the provost. The policy and guidelines will specify all conditions under which Lecturers will be employed and will clearly delineate their duties and responsibilities.

Evaluation of the use of Lectureships will be conducted annually and a report will be submitted to the Provost and Senate by the April meeting of each year. By the May meeting of the second year, the Senate will make a recommendation to the President and Provost regarding the continuation of the use of Lectureships.
Senator Johnson ruled the motion substantive and deferred discussion to the May meeting. Senator Johnson announced that the motion would be e-mailed to the Senators as soon as possible so that there would be ample opportunity to discuss with colleagues prior to the May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council on Academic Affairs. Senator Wasicsko reported that item 1 on the agenda (Act Concerning Policy of Replacing Grades) was listed as an informational item only and will probably come back to the Senate in the near future for a vote. Senator Wasicsko moved, seconded by Senator Smith, to approve items 2-9.

2. African/African-American Studies Minor
4. Computer Science/Mathematics Teaching
5. Mathematics/Teaching (B.S.)
6. Master of Arts in Teaching: Elementary Education Option
7. Master of Science in Nursing
8. Master of Public Health: Public Administration Option
9. Occupational Therapy (M.S.)

The motion to approve items 2-9 was approved by the Senate.

Senate Bill 152 Motion. Senator Siegel moved to approve the following motion, seconded by Senator Dunston:

The Faculty Senate of Eastern Kentucky University hereby makes it known that we:
- strongly support our President and Board of Regents in their continued leadership of Eastern Kentucky University,
- strongly support the actions of the EKU Board of Regent’s members who urged the Governor to veto SB 152,
- protest the actions of the Kentucky State Government including:
  • not validating the claim that there was broad-based constituency support for changing residency requirements for Board members
  • not getting input from the University communities affected by this legislation
  • enacting “emergency” legislation specifically aimed at removing the Chair of the EKU Board of Regents,
- strongly encourage the Governor to make University Board appointments based on an individual’s abilities and commitment to the University and not determined by residency or undue political influence
- strongly encourage the Legislature not to further restrict Board members to only those with Kentucky residency
- urge the Council on Postsecondary Education, the Council of Presidents, and the Coalition of Senate Faculty Leadership to recommend criteria for appropriate selection of university regents/trustees.

Senator Wasicsko moved to postpone the motion to the May meeting, seconded by Senator C. Jackson. The majority of the Senate approved the motion to postpone the Senate Bill 152 Motion to the May meeting. Senator Siegel requested that anyone with suggestions or changes for the motion should e-mail her prior to the May meeting.


ADJOURNMENT:

Senator Wasicsko moved to adjourn at approximately 5:12 p.m.
Motion:

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Rationale: SB 152 (see Attachment 1 below) was passed by the Kentucky State Legislature without the knowledge of the EKU Board of Regents, administration or faculty and was signed into law over the protests of members of the EKU Board of Regents, EKU faculty leaders, and the Commonwealth’s major newspapers (see Attachment 2 below – Courier Journal editorial). The legislation has been interpreted as a direct attack on the Chair of the EKU Board of Regents. The bill requires any regent/trustee of a regional university to be a resident of the 50 states. The reason given for this emergency legislation was that numerous requests had been received by legislators asking for its passage. At this point, no individual(s) has been identified as making this request. A letter to this effect (see Attachment 3 below) was signed by seven of ten EKU Regents, the EKU Faculty Senate Chair, and EKU COSFL Representative and faxed to the Governor urging him to veto the bill. The Governor signed SB 152 into law on March 10, 2003.

SB 152 and the proposed regent/trustee Kentucky resident requirement are direct threats at higher education reform. They represent a return to the ‘old ways’ of doing business in Kentucky. They disenfranchise willing, able, motivated, and skilled alumni from potential service as a regent/trustee at Kentucky regional comprehensive universities.

The EKU Faculty Senate cannot allow this situation to persist without recognizing the threat that it poses. In the near future, the Governor will be filling two to three vacancies on the EKU Board of Regents, at a time when the Legislature is placing unneeded and undesirable restrictions on his selections. This is the time for the Faculty Senate to go on record in support of President Glasser and our Board of Regents, and to protest the passage of SB 152.
ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT 1: SB 152 (BR 1620) - L. Casebier

AN ACT relating to the qualifications of Kentucky Board of Education members and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 156.040 to clarify the specific qualifications for members of the Kentucky Board of Education; delete the reference to the same qualifications of local school board members.

SB 152 - AMENDMENTS

SFA (1, L. Casebier) - Amend KRS 164.321 to require that a member of the board of regents of a regional university or KCTCS shall lose his or her eligibility to serve if he or she assumes residency outside the 50 United States.

SFA (2/Title, L. Casebier) - Make title amendment.

HFA (1, M. Rader) - Permit a board of regents appointee to continue to serve or be reappointed if he or she changes residency but lives in one of the United States, the District of Columbia, or in a U.S. territory.

Feb 11-introduced in Senate
Feb 14-to Education (S)
Feb 19-reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar
Feb 20-2nd reading, to Rules
Feb 26-floor amendments (1) and (2-title) filed
Feb 28-3rd reading, passed 31-0 with floor amendments (1) and (2-title)
Mar 3-received in House; to Appropriations and Revenue (H); posting waived
Mar 4-reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar
Mar 5-2nd reading, to Rules; posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Thursday, March 6, 2003; floor amendment (1) filed
Mar 6-3rd reading, passed 77-11; received in Senate
Mar 10-enrolled, signed by each presiding officer; delivered to Governor; signed by Governor
BEFORE the General Assembly slithered out of Frankfort, it turned its dyspeptic attention to higher education.

And faster than you can say, "Maybe we deserve to be at the bottom, our lawmakers passed a spanking new state law aimed at resolving an unspecified grudge by removing a single regent from the board of one state university.

The case for such mischief was complicated by an inconvenient obstacle: The regent in question, C. Fred Rice, chairman of Eastern Kentucky University's board, had apparently done nothing wrong. Indeed, seven regents and other important folks on campus wrote to urge the defeat of the bill.

To no avail. Senate Minority Leader Ed Worley, apparently acting in collusion with House Budget Committee Chairman Harry Moberly, both Democrats from EKU's hometown of Richmond, pushed the bill through.

A docile Paul Patton, who once aspired to make higher education his legacy as governor, signed the bill, highlighting his political depletion.

And the content of this nonsense? The bill would require regents at regional universities to live within the 50 states, thus disqualifying Mr. Rice (and apparently only Mr. Rice). He still owns property in Kentucky, but he moved last year from Florida to the U.S. Virgin Islands.

This would be comical if it were just a couple of self-aggrandizing legislative poohbahs making fools of themselves.

But this sort of political meddling in the governance of public universities risks great harm.

So, Frankfort, take note, one more time: Universities are not designed to be playgrounds -- not for basketball and certainly not for petty, local political intrigue. They exist to generate the teaching, learning and research necessary to produce an educated citizenry and to create an environment for economic and social growth.

Many other states, responding to a shrinking world and a global economy, are reaching out to attract more regents from beyond their borders.

But not Kentucky. Here, the message is that provincialism and political interference continue unabated to smother universities.

And top faculty, administrators and students -- who could brighten Kentucky's future incalculably by coming to Kentucky campuses -- will take note, and be justifiably wary.
Open Letter to Governor Paul Patton

As individuals involved with governance of Eastern Kentucky University we would like to express our outrage at the recent action (SB 152) by the Kentucky Legislature to modify rules for Board of Regent/Trustee membership— and to ask you to take a stand for education by vetoing this legislation.

We have heard that this bill emerged from concerns raised by the University community and is so urgent in nature as to require an emergency amendment and immediate implementation. As the leadership of this University we disagree with this portrayal. We have not heard any discussions about the inappropriateness of the Chair of the Board continuing as a Regent following his move to the U.S. Virgin Islands. Furthermore, prior to the vote last week, none of us had been approached by any member of the Kentucky Legislature or any other person concerning this issue.

While respecting the Legislature’s authority to establish broad education policy for Kentucky, we reject its interference with the self governance of any individual institution and its specific membership. Such activity, as we know you will agree, has significant negative implications for not only that institution but for education throughout the Commonwealth. How can any university attract and retain qualified professionals when its self governance is undermined? How can it implement education reform? Even the accreditation of our programs and the University is potentially threatened by legislative interference of this nature. You must not let this happen.

We support Eastern Kentucky University’s mission of being a school of opportunity which provides quality education and enriches the lives of Kentuckians and the communities in which they live. We strongly support our president, Joanne Glasser, and have confidence in her ability to lead our University forward in these challenging times. However, this legislative action significantly undermines the University’s potential to do this.

We deeply appreciate your leadership role in implementing Kentucky’s nationally recognized education reform. Endorsing the process by which SB 152 has been approved and enacting it into legislation would reverse many of the gains which have been made. It would cripple Eastern Kentucky University’s capacity to participate in education reform. We urge you to veto this bill.

Signed by:
Dr. Daisy French, Vice Chair, Board of Regents
Mrs. Jane Boyer, Member of Board of Regents
Ms. Penny Greer, Member of Board of Regents
Ms. Mary Hall, Student Representative on Board of Regents
President of Student Government Association
Mr. Ernest M. House, Member of Board of Regents
Dr. Pam Schloemann, Faculty Representative on Board of Regents
Mr. David Williams, Staff Representative on Board of Regents
Mr. Keith Johnson, Chair, Faculty Senate
Dr. Carolyn Siegel, EKU Representative to Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership
Academic Loads for Summer Term
Effective: Summer 2003

Summer course load limits for both graduate and undergraduate students are 12 hours with a maximum of 15 hours with approval of the college dean. Modifying the current policy from a maximum of 14 credit hours to 15 credit hours will be forwarded to the CAA for approval.

Approved by Council on Academic Affairs on 04/17/03.
Act Concerning Policy of Replacing Grades

WHEREAS, It is the constitutional responsibility of the Committee on Academic Affairs to advise the Student Senate on national, state, and campus academic issues; and,

WHEREAS, The Student Senate has been interested in the university policy of being limited to six (6) grade replacements during the whole of an undergraduate career; and,

WHEREAS, The university policy of limiting a student to six (6) grade replacements for the whole of an undergraduate career is arbitrary and unnecessarily unforgiving to students; be it therefore,

ENACTED, That the Student Senate moves in favor of removing the policy of six (6) grade replacements.

Sponsored By,

Lance Melching, Chairman of Academic Affairs

Presented On: Feb 4th, 2003

Approved On: Feb 11th, 2003

Approved By,

Aaron Raider, Executive Vice President

Mary Hall, President

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