

In light of the turmoil that surrounded SB 152, the Faculty Senate of Eastern Kentucky University hereby makes it known that we support the following:

The Faculty Senate, on behalf of the faculty, expresses appreciation for the tireless efforts over the past 18 months that President Joanne Glasser has demonstrated to further the reputation and image of the University, to support academic and faculty concerns and to place the welfare of students as a top priority. The Senate pledges full support of the President as she moves us into the next phase of the development of the University into a Regional University of Distinction and expresses confidence in her assertion that “the best is yet to come.”

Furthermore, the faculty of Eastern Kentucky University, as is true in any higher education institution, takes the issues of governance very seriously. The governance of higher education requires a working partnership among state government, appointed governing boards and the university administration, faculty and staff. The best decisions regarding governance are made with open and honest dialog among all stakeholders. By working together we can make significant strides to advance the goals of higher education in our Commonwealth. The ECU Faculty Senate expresses our concern with any activity that shortcuts or undermines the higher education governance processes. Therefore we...

- A. support the action of the ECU Board Of Regents’ members and faculty and student leadership who urged the Governor to veto SB 152;
- B. encourage the Governor to make university board appointments based on an individual’s abilities and commitment to the university and not determined by undue political influence;
- C. encourage the Legislature not to further restrict Board members to only those with Kentucky residency;
- D. 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.

The ECU Faculty Senate expresses hope and belief that all stakeholders can and will work together for the betterment of higher education in Kentucky.