

To: Faculty Senate  
From: The Committee on Rules  
Date: 11/17/03

The Committee on Rules requests that the Faculty Senate adopt the following motion at its meeting on 1/12/04.

MOTION: We move that:

The statement

(3) hold no administrative title other than that of Departmental Chair, or Coordinator/Director within an academic department.

be removed from the procedures for electing the Faculty Regent.

JUSTIFICATION OF THE MOTION:

**Background on the election of the Faculty Regent:**

When the state revised the structure of the Board of Regents to include a faculty member, it mandated the conditions still found in the faculty handbook.

The relevant portion is "The faculty regent shall be a teaching or research member of the faculty of the rank of assistant professor or above and shall be elected by secret ballot."

The procedures were developed by the President and approved by the Board of Regents in 1968. The conditions to serve were:

1. hold the rank of Assistant Professor or higher (This condition follows from the state mandate)
2. be a member of the teaching or research faculty (This condition follows from the state mandate.)
3. hold no administrative title other than that of Departmental Chair.

This third condition was possibly added as a way to define "teaching or research faculty." The definition\* of "teaching or research faculty" was not added to the organization of the Faculty-At-Large until the late 1970's and first appears in the 1980 edition of the Faculty Handbook.

In 1980, apparently due to complaints that condition 3 was too restrictive, the Faculty Senate recommended a change to

(3) hold no administrative title other than that of Departmental Chair, or Coordinator/Director within an academic department. The Board of Regents adopted this change in 1980.

From the minutes of the 1980 Faculty Senate, the intent of this change was clearly to be more inclusive as to who could serve as Faculty Regent, while excluding administrators such as deans.

Since 1980, several "centers" have been created which are not housed within an academic department, but some of the directors do fit the current definition of "teaching and/or research faculty."

We have concluded that faculty members who fit the current definition of teaching and/or research faculty should be eligible to serve as the Faculty Regent. This includes those faculty members who also have some administrative title such as Program Director.

This definition is found in Part VII, Section II, Subsection B of the current Faculty Handbook: The Teaching and/or Research Faculty of Eastern Kentucky University shall include all full-time employees of the University who hold the rank of Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, or Instructor, and whose faculty-load assignment includes 50 percent or more teaching and/or research as shown by the Faculty Load Analysis or comparable report for the fall semester for each academic year or who are members of the Library Faculty.