

Executive Committee Report to the Faculty Senate November 1, 2004

The Executive Committee met on October 18, 2004. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 22nd at 3:30 PM in Alumni Room, Keen Johnson. Committees and others bringing motions and information to the Executive Committee are asked to transmit these materials electronically to the Senate Secretary no later than one-week before the meeting so they can be added to the agenda.

Marc Whitt, Associate Vice President for Marketing and Public Relations, met with the Executive Committee to provide an update on *EKU Today*, which brings mass emails into a daily newsletter format. The Executive Committee expressed appreciation for the work of the team that created and implemented *EKU Today*. Mr. Whitt also reported improved communication with local media, particularly Channel 18, and that ECU's new Web site was soon to be launched. The new design will be used only through the College level; departments will not be required to adopt the University template, although they may use it if they so desire. The new design is being rolled out in stages, so some old pages will remain until they are replaced with the new design.

In other business:

- ✓ Executive Committee liaisons reported on Senate Committee activities. Committee reports will be delivered by their respective chairs later in today's meeting.
- ✓ Senator Flanagan agreed to be the Executive Committee liaison to the Senate's Rights and Responsibilities Committee.
- ✓ Senator Siegel reported that she recently met with the bookstore manager, the regional B&N manager, and VP for Student Affairs James Conneely. Strategies for avoiding this past fall's problems are being implemented, including meetings scheduled with departments that were most seriously impacted by bookstore problems.
- ✓ A preliminary first report has been received from the parking consultant; more information will be forthcoming in December.
- ✓ Faculty complaints about smokers congregating around building entrances have been reported to James Street, Director of Facilities Services, with the suggestion that designated smoking areas be established away from building entrances. Mr. Street responded immediately to this issue and is working on the problem.
- ✓ A request for clarification was received from a faculty member regarding what constitutes an acceptable excused absence for students. This is under review.
- ✓ The Committee briefly discussed Fall Break (on today's agenda *For The Good Of The Order*) and who sets the academic calendar. Results from today's discussion of Fall Break will be used in determining its possible continuation. Another example of shared governance in action.
- ✓ Three motions were received from the Rules Committee, reviewed, and placed on the November 1st Faculty Senate agenda:
 - 1) **Internal Procedures** (if approved, the document will be placed on the Senate Web site with the link e-mailed to all Senators. However, the document will not be available for public access on the Senate Web site).
 - 2) **Motion on Convening the Senate** (to Faculty-at-Large if approved; will create a needed change in the Senate Rules to reflect the actual situation).
 - 3) **Motion on Delegate Representation** (to Faculty-at-Large if approved).