

## Report on the Executive Committee Meeting of 11/22/04 Prepared for the Faculty Senate (12/6/04)

### At the Executive Committee meeting on November 22<sup>nd</sup>:

- ✓ Vice President Conneely presented an update on the bookstore. He will be addressing the Senate on this subject today. Dr. Conneely also reported on the anticipated reopening of The Faculty Club in Keen Johnson. When it reopens, a number of newspapers and periodicals will be available, along with coffee and doughnuts on the honor system.
- ✓ Senator Chapman discussed the free speech issue with the Executive Committee and identified two free speech areas on campus, the west side of the Meditation Chapter next to the Powell Building and the Ravine. Plans are being developed for campuswide discussions of this issue.

### Committee reports

- ✓ Standing committee reports were given by the committee liaisons.
- ✓ The ad hoc Committee on a Senate Vice Chair will report its recommendations to the next Executive Committee Meeting; it is anticipated that those recommendations will be presented to the Senate in January.
- ✓ The Executive Committee is also expecting reports at its January meeting from charges to several Senate Committees -- Rights & Responsibilities (P&T), Budget (Summer School Salaries), Elections (Restructuring the May Senate Elections), and Welfare (Tenure Clock).

### In other business

- ✓ The General Education and Intellectual Property Policy motions passed by the Senate in November have been transmitted to the President and will be on the Board of Regent's agenda in January.
- ✓ The Provost and the President have initiated a review of the University's committee structure. The ultimate goal is to create a database of all committees (University, Senate, College), their missions, and members. These data will be used in decisions designed to help streamline University committees and ensure that faculty participation is more equitably distributed. Thanks to Senator Vance, Chair of the Senate's Committee on Committees, for compiling data that were used in the Senate's submission.
- ✓ The University Calendar Task Force has made recommendations for the fall and spring academic schedules for the next five years. Each semester will be the same length. Following input from the Senate at its November meeting, there will be a fall break; however, it will be scheduled so that Monday and Tuesday classes are not penalized. A FAQ sheet on the summer school schedule is being prepared and will be distributed shortly.
- ✓ Along with a new University Web page and site, our slogan now states "EKU ... Where Students and Learning Come First." President Glasser instituted the

expansion of the slogan to firmly acknowledge the strong commitment of ECU faculty to students and learning.

- ✓ The Faculty Welfare Committee has received a charge to consider a mentoring program for new faculty based on the model developed by Dean Schoolmaster in the College of Arts and Sciences.
- ✓ An initiative is underway to make all ECU Web pages compliant with W3C and ADA standards so students with disabilities can access University pages, particularly in totally online classes. More information on this extremely important topic will be forthcoming and we plan to have it addressed in the Senate. The Senate Chair is closely monitoring this issue in response to the concern of a number of faculty about how the policy will be implemented and the availability of resources for assuring compliance.
- ✓ An academic advising survey is being developed and will be administered via Banner when students register for classes possibly as soon as this spring. Faculty are participating in the development of the survey. This will be addressed in the Senate in the near future.
- ✓ Senator Chapman is at the SACS meeting and sends his regrets for missing today's Senate meeting. However, at the Executive Committee meeting he reported that the faculty database should be completed soon so calculations can be made for this year's salary equity adjustments. Senator Chapman will provide details at the next Senate meeting. He also reported that a number of changes will be made in the Teaching and Learning Center. He will provide details at the January Senate meeting.
- ✓ The Chair of the Rules Committee, who is also absent today because he is attending the SACS meeting, requested that the three motions delayed from the November Senate meeting be delayed further until January so he can present them to the Senate and answer questions.
- ✓ Senator Glasser also sends her deepest regret at missing today's Senate meeting. She is leading the ECU team at the SACS meeting in Atlanta and thus, is unable to attend and deliver her Senate report. Senator Glasser will be reporting in January on the SACS meeting and the University's progress in preparation for accreditation reaffirmation in 2006. Most kindly, even though she is not here, she still provided cookies for today's meeting!

The Executive Committee meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Questions?