

To: Faculty Senate
From: Pam Schlomann
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Re: Regent's Report

This has been a busy time for the Board of Regents. The January 18th Board meeting was postponed until January 30. In anticipation of that meeting, most committees have met in recent weeks.

The Institutional Advancement and Honors Committee met on January 13. J. Foster, Interim Vice President for University Advancement, gave a report highlighting the growing accomplishments of advancement work at the University during the last five years. The Committee discussed recommendations to make to the Board about the Board's involvement in the Capital Campaign and took action on recommendations for honorary degrees.

The Finance and Planning Committee also met on January 13. A very positive audit report was reviewed and a financial update for the current year was presented by D. Newsom, Vice Present of Financial Affairs. Action was taken to recommend a site for the new science building.

The Board had a retreat on January 16. John Moore, from Penson Associates, met with us for Board development purposes and to discuss the process for the President's evaluation. He will tentatively be returning to campus in late February to conduct interviews for the evaluation.

On January 18th, the Board went to Frankfort to participate in Centennial activities honoring EKU and WKU. We went to both chambers of the legislature to participate in the approval of resolutions which honored EKU and WKU and, along with legislators, attended a reception hosted by the Governor and Presidents. The many accomplishments of both institutions were recognized and celebrated.

On January 24, the Internal Affairs Committee met. Criteria for the mandatory meal plan for freshmen were discussed and an assessment of Aramark was requested in preparation for discussion about the renewal of its contract. A report was given about status of the University's emergency preparedness plan. Action was taken to recommend that J. Allgier be granted staff emeritus status.

The full Board met on January 30 for its regular quarterly meeting. Reports were presented by several parties including the President and the Foundation Chair. Affirmative action was taken on the previously mentioned recommendations as well as approving the 2006-2010 Strategic Plan. Additionally, academic affairs actions, which have been approved by the Senate, and personnel actions were approved. Finally, motions---lecturer, clinical faculty, electronic syllabus--requested by the Faculty Senate were approved.

Please feel free to contact me for further information about any of these items or to discuss topics of concern to you!

Respectfully submitted,

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