

**Faculty Senate Chair's Report
Executive Committee Meeting
20 February 2006**

Dear Senators:

The following notes detail the business conducted at the last Executive Committee meeting and include several information items since that meeting. If you have questions or comments, don't hesitate to contact me – carolyn.siegel@eku.edu or voice mail at 622-4973. See you on the 6th!

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

Academic Regalia Day and Rededication of Keen Johnson

Mark your calendars for Friday, April 28, 2006, the day of the official Rededication of the Keen Johnson Building highlighted by a walk-through of the completely renovated Faculty Club Lounge. On this day we are calling on all EKU faculty and staff to wear their academic regalia to mark the 100 years of EKU! Many thanks to Senator Hensley and his incredible Senate Centennial Committee for developing this event as well two formal teas scheduled for retired faculty in March.

Bookstore Update

Please remind your faculty to submit their book orders as soon as possible. This semester the EKU Bookstore had more used books on the shelf than ever before primarily because faculty and departments did such a great job in turning their book orders in earlier than ever before.

Faculty Dining Room in Powell

VP Conneely has already initiated some changes that will make the Faculty Dining Room more inviting. We will have a more congenial seating arrangement, white tablecloths, and even table accoutrements. Many thanks to Dr. Conneely for his help in making this area more attractive and usable.

Faculty Club Lounge

If you haven't already visited the Faculty Club Lounge, please drop by! Coffee, tea, and pastry are available (for a nominal fee) every workday from 8:00 am. We are in the process of obtaining table lights to brighten the room, original art for the walls, and a conference table and chairs for the "Ladies Swooning Room", the small room at the south end of the Lounge. James Street, Director of Facilities Services, and his crews worked hard over the Christmas Break so we could have a beautiful "new" Lounge for the start of the semester. Thank you all for a job well done!

"For the Good of the Order" Discussion Topics

March: "Strategies for More Effective Class Scheduling: Alternate Class Scheduling Patterns (for example, Flip Friday, M,W of equal length to T, R, etc.)"

April: "Strategies for Improving Faculty Life at EKU: Recommendations for Facilitating Faculty Teaching, Research, and Service Effectiveness"

Faculty Administrative Review of the President

The Administrative Review will be conducted in March. Plans are being made for the review survey (questionnaire) to be hosted on the Website of The Oliver Group, a third-party management consultancy. More information will be provided at the March 6th Senate.

Senator Needed for QEP Committee

We need a Senate representative to sit on the QEP Committee. If anyone is interested, please contact the Senate Chair ASAP.

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**NEW BUSINESS:**

Senate Membership Committee Motion. Senator May presented a motion on Senate membership. It will be introduced at Senate in February and voted on in March.

Senate Meet & Greets. It was the consensus of the Executive Committee to discontinue the Meet and Greet sessions prior to the Senate meetings. No Meet and Greets will be held for the remainder of the Academic Year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Administrative Review of the President. Cheryl Harris, Esq., University Counsel, was in attendance to discuss the Senate's administrative review of the President. She indicated that as the Board will handle the actual Presidential evaluation, all of the Senate's material would be considered "preliminary data" and therefore be exempt from the Public Records Act. Confidentiality is a separate issue, but this is addressed in the Faculty Handbook. Senator Siegel noted that Dr. Bethany Miller, Director of Institutional Research, recommended a paper option of the survey should be offered for ADA reasons.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Rules Committee. Senator Johnson reported that the committee is still working on revising the Faculty Senate portions of the Faculty Handbook.

Rights & Responsibilities Committee. Senator Kristofik reported that the committee met and discussed the textbook solicitation issue. There is an ECU solicitation policy on record. Senator Kristofik agreed to send the policy to the Senate Secretary for inclusion with the next Senate mailing as an informational item.

Committee on Committees. Senator Shasby announced that the committee is working on the self-nomination process for next year's University committees.

Welfare Committee. Senator Hubbard reported that the Benefits Committee is keeping the basic structure in existing health policies, but there will be some changes. Magellan Insurance is being dropped as the mental health carrier and replaced by St. Joseph Behavioral Health. Co-pays will continue at \$15. Prescriptions will be handled through Express Scripts rather than Anthem, but co-pays (\$15, \$25, & \$35) will remain the same. The cost increase for employees is not available yet. Benefits are being figured on a three-year contract rather than the yearly contract negotiated in previous years.

Arlington Board. Senator Flanagan stated that the next Board meeting will be on April 18th.

General Education Committee. Senator Hubbard reported that most courses for General Education have been approved. The committee is currently discussing writing competencies and possibly discontinuing the University Writing Requirement.

Senate Chair Report.

Senator Siegel announced that "Ladies Swooning Room" next to the Faculty Club Lounge is being turned into a small conference room and should be available for meetings within the next several weeks. Contact Jennifer Goins in University Programs at 622-2222 to schedule meetings in the Lounge and new conference room. The Faculty Senate Centennial Committee has scheduled two upcoming events. A formal tea for retirees is scheduled for March 20th at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Walnut Hall, Keen Johnson. The second event is a rededication of the Keen Johnson Building on April 28th. Lieutenant Governor Steve Pence has

been invited to the rededication ceremony. Faculty are encouraged to wear their academic regalia on that day. Senator Chapman agreed that the \$500 faculty development funds available for this year could be used to rent or purchase academic regalia.

Senator Siegel will be meeting with Vice President Conneely regarding the Faculty Dining Room. Anyone with suggestions for utilizing this area should contact Senator Siegel.

Senator Siegel has asked Senators Reed and Dieckmann to revise their Promotion and Tenure amendments and send to the secretary for inclusion with the next Senate mailing.

Provost Report. Senator Chapman reported that this year's Promotion and Tenure process is finished and several appeals are now in process. He mentioned that a Faculty Senate representative is needed on the QEP Committee.

Regents Report. Senator Schломann reported that next week the consultant for the Presidential evaluation will be on campus.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:45 p.m.