

**Faculty Senate Chair's Report
Executive Committee Meeting
20 March 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 at carolyn.siegel@eku.edu or by voice mail at 622-4973. See you at Senate on the 3rd!

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

Academic Regalia Day and Rededication of Keen Johnson – April 28, 2006 – 2:30 pm

Mark your calendars for Friday, April 28, 2006, the day of the official Rededication of the Keen Johnson Building. We are calling on all ECU faculty and staff to wear their academic regalia the day of the rededication to mark ECU's Centennial Year. Many thanks to Senator Hensley and his incredible Senate Centennial Committee for developing this event as well as the two formal teas held March 20th for retired faculty and professional staff. The event was planned with the assistance of the ECU Centennial Committee and the ECU Development Office.

Faculty Eat and Meet in Faculty Dining Room, Powell Building

We held our first ever Faculty *Eat and Meet* on March 28th and it was terrific! Over 20 faculty came to eat and discuss a myriad of topics. It was wonderful to meet new folks and renew contact with others. Please consider whether we should hold another get together in April. Special thanks to Vice President Dr. James Conneely for initiating changes in the Faculty Dining Room that make it so much more inviting. The Room is much more congenial with improved seating arrangements, white tablecloths, and table accoutrements.

“For the Good of the Order” Discussion Topic

April: “Strategies for Improving Faculty Life at ECU: Recommendations for Facilitating Faculty Teaching, Research, and Service Effectiveness”

May: Because we hold two May meetings (regular and elections) we will not hold a discussion at the first May meeting. Sorry! I believe these discussions have been a highlight of the past two years. I hope they will continue in the 2006-2007 Academic Year.

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Senator Eakin, Vice-Chair, chaired the meeting until the Senate Chair returned from the retirees tea being held concurrently on the second floor of Keen Johnson. By that time, the Senate Chair had imbibed far too much tea and was on a caffeine high!

NEW BUSINESS:

In 2003 the FS Executive Committee ruled that faculty alternates could substitute for Senators in the Senator's absence, but alternates would not be eligible to vote on issues. In light of recent events, the Executive Committee revisited the issue and it was the consensus of the current committee that an alternate or alternates should be elected by individual departments at the same time the Senate representative is elected. If a Senator(s) or Alternate(s) is unavailable to attend meetings, then a substitute could attend the meeting and report back to departments, but would not be eligible to vote on Senate issues. A motion on substitutes and alternates will be brought to the Senate in April for consideration. It was the consensus of the Executive Committee that the May Senate elections be handled as stated in the Senate rules. Therefore, nominees for Senate chair will be taken in April and nominations and elections for Senate Vice-Chair and

standing committees will occur at the May organizational meeting. The Executive Committee approved the proposed schedule for the 2006-2007 Senate meeting dates.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget Committee - Senator Eakin reported that Senator Taylor has been working on the class pattern survey and it's almost complete and ready to be distributed.

Rules Committee - Senator Johnson announced the Rules Committee will meet next week.

Welfare Committee - Senator Hubbard reported the committee will be meeting next week.

Arlington Board - Senator Flanagan stated that the next Board meeting will be in mid-April.

General Education - Senator Hubbard reported the committee will meet next week.

Futures Committee - Senator Siegel reported the committee will submit a report for April's Senate.

Provost Report

Senator Chapman noted the Promotion and Tenure process for this year is almost complete. He plans to develop a checklist before next year's process begins which will help quickly determine if someone has all the required credentials to apply for promotion and/or tenure. The budget process for next year is underway. Senator Chapman mentioned that one of the strategic planning goals is to make sure all of the classrooms are technologically current. One of his immediate goals is to develop a three-year rotation plan for wireless computers for everyone, with faculty needs as a top priority.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:25 p.m.