

President's Report
October 3, 2005
Faculty Senate

- **QEP THEME**
Eastern Kentucky University will develop informed, critical, and creative thinkers who communicate effectively.

The QEP theme is a combination of two very important ideas that Faculty, Staff, and Students have selected: "Critical Thinking" and "Communication".

- **QEP Focus Statements**
 1. Students will be able to identify, discover, and use relevant information in order to gain knowledge and solve problems.
 2. Students will be able to analyze information and ideas using appropriate methods.
 3. Students will generate their own ideas and express them effectively.
 4. Students will be able to clearly articulate a point of view and develop it with awareness of alternative perspectives.

The QEP theme and focus statements have been approved by the Leadership Team and the Strategic Planning Committee.

It is important to keep in mind the following things with respect to the QEP theme and focus statements:

First, the QEP theme and focus statements as currently stated may change as we learn more through literature reviews, best practices reviews, and consultations with experts in the field

Second, it is very important for everyone to know what our QEP is and for you to help spread the word as best as you can.

Third, the QEP Committee will be engaging campus in a number of activities during October to promote the QEP theme on all ECU campuses:

1. Onda Bennett will visit all student groups at their meetings to talk about the QEP theme and focus statements. (We have made arrangements to take 10 minutes of every student meeting that is happening in October on the Richmond campus and the extended campuses to talk about QEP. Dr. Bennett is going to where the students are).

2. The Provost will talk about the QEP theme and focus statements at the Provost Council meeting on October 6.
 3. Jaleh Rezaie will talk with the Chairs at the ChairsÆ Association meeting on October 19.
 4. Onda Bennett will meet with the Staff Council to talk about the QEP theme and focus statements.
 5. Byron Bond will meet with the Extended Campus coordinators to talk about the QEP theme and focus statements.
 6. The SACS Communication and PR committee is making arrangements for an Ice cream social on October 20.
 7. There will be announcements and informative paragraphs about the QEP published every week in the EKU Today and EKU Students Today, and also in EKUpdate.
- Update on successful Gala, Centennial Kick-off, Homecoming and Family Weekend Announcement of Campaign goal; over 400 attending, including a number of our faculty

(Include your comments on each of these topics)
 - Establishment of Environmental Committee

To further the University community's effort to become a more environmentally sound community, I have established the Eastern Committee on Responsible Environmental Stewardship to discuss, on an ongoing basis, environmental related concerns of the campus community. The purpose of this committee is to promote an environmentally sound physical environment for members of the University community. Based upon their knowledge of and interest in this area, I requested the assistance and support of the following faculty and staff in this important effort and they have agreed to serve. A student representative will also be joining the committee:

Dr. Alan Banks
Mr. Joe Beck
Dr. Charles Elliott
Dr. Robert Frederick
Dr. Carolyn Harvey
Dr. Bob Houston
Dr. Alice Jones
Dr. Steve Konkel
Ms. Danita LaSage
Mr. G.W. Newsom
Dr. Gary Ritchison
Mr. James Street

Dr. Diane Vance
Dr. Robert Weise
Dr. Melina Wilder
TBD, Student Rep. (Waiting on recommendation from Kyle. Reminded him yesterday and he is to get back with me.)

The committee may also wish to call upon others of the campus community who are not committee members for their expertise or collaboration. This committee will meet as necessary during the year.

To begin this effort, the committee will take the following actions:

- Promote environmental awareness and stewardship within the University community, including recommendations for programs and activities for faculty, staff, and students
- Research and evaluate current procedures for controlling environmental factors, with anticipation of recommending policies to ensure a better working environment
- Recommend policies and procedures to aid in the development/maintenance of an environmentally sound physical environment while maintaining the balance between affordability and stewardship.

I look forward to receiving an initial report from the committee outlining its plans and goals for the 2005-06 year once the committee has had the opportunity to organize and engage in such discussions.

- CPE Visit on October 17 and 18 (text below is taken from draft of President's report to the Board)

On October 17th and 18th, the Committee On Equal Opportunity For The Council On Postsecondary Education will be making an institutional site visit to measure our progress in meeting the eight objectives of the Kentucky plan for equal opportunity in postsecondary education.

The Kentucky plan sets goals for all of Kentucky's public universities for african-american student enrollment, retention and graduation. It also sets goals for employment of african-americans in faculty, managerial and other administrative posts.

We remain strongly committed to achieving all the objectives of the Kentucky Plan "A" simply because it's the right thing to do. We must be ever vigilant to ensure equal

opportunity and access to success in higher education.

On a related note:

- EKU marks National Disabilities Awareness Month in October in an effort to heighten awareness campus-wide about disabilities. Several activities have been planned, including:

Thursday, Oct. 6, "Creating an Online Course with Multimedia that Complies with Web Accessibility Standards," presented by Mandy Eppley and Ward Henline, 2:30 p.m., Combs 219 - White Room.

Wednesday, Oct. 12, "Web Accessibility and Online Courses," presented by Mary Ann Kolloff and Mandy Eppley, 2 p.m., Combs 219 - Maroon Room.

Thursday, Oct. 13, ADA Awareness Day, activities and information outside Powell, sponsored by the ADA Awareness and Accessibility Committee, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

and many other activities throughout the month

For more information about Disabilities Awareness Month at EKU or about services available to those with disabilities, call 859-622-2933 or visit disserv@eku.edu

- Posters At The Capital

Undergraduates in all academic disciplines are invited to participate in the annual Posters-at-the-Capitol event.

The deadline for submitting abstracts is Oct. 26, 2005. Students who plan to submit an abstract or those who have questions contact Dr. Rose Perrine, professor of psychology, at 622-2378 or rose.perrine@eku.edu.

Posters-at-the-Capitol, which will be held in either late January or early February during the legislative session, is designed to celebrate the research, scholarly and creative accomplishments of undergraduates at Kentucky's eight public universities and to provide legislators with the opportunity to better understand the importance of faculty-mentored undergraduate scholarship to the overall education of Kentucky students.

Just as this wonderful event celebrates the achievements of some of our best and brightest students at EKU, it also reflects the collaborative efforts of our dedicated faculty professors who nurture our students to reach within themselves to realize their full potential.

- Acron Award

Congratulate Dr. Charlie Sweet and ECU for Dr. Sweet being chosen as the recipient of the Acron Award.