

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators
FR: Carolyn F. Siegel, FS Chair
RE: Report of the Meeting of the FS Executive Committee on 9/19/05
DATE: 23 September 2005

Because the ECU Senate only meets from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm, we must begin limiting the length of oral reports in order to allow time to address important issues that require input from all Senators. This applies to agenda regulars as well as guests. We will begin with a voluntary 5-minute time limit on reports and see how that works. Anyone who is regularly on the agenda is encouraged to send a written report to Senate Secretary Pauletta King for distribution to the Senate along with the call to the meeting. Senators are urged/implored/begged to read these reports in advance of the meeting so they can ask questions and/or add comments at the meeting.

Therefore, in the spirit of brevity, this written report is offered In lieu of making a detailed oral report at the next Senate meeting. If you have questions or comments about this report, they can be made during the October 3rd meeting, by email (Carolyn.siegel@eku.edu), or phone (2-4973). I am always happy to chat over coffee in JavaCity Library, schedules permitting.

At our regular Senate meeting on October 3rd we will continue our discussion of academic advising. On November 7th our discussion topic will be "Strategies for Streamlining Faculty Senate Meetings" and the December 5th issue is "Strategies to Revitalize the Faculty Club." Please discuss these issues with your department faculty and bring comments to the Senate. We will need topics for the Spring 2006 Semester, so please be thinking about discussion issues *For the Good of the Order*.

The Executive Committee met September 19, 2005 and began with a warm welcome to Senator Kristofik, the newest elected member. Note: Because the Executive Committee meeting was held on the 19th, several updates were made to this report to reflect subsequent events.

* The Ad Hoc Committee on Lectureships has been formed and is composed of the Provost, Senate Chair, and Senators Hubbard (Special Ed), McKenney (Library and AAUP), Mike Hesse (Com). Once a draft proposal is ready, Ad Hoc Committee members will meet with the chairs of departments with the largest number of such positions to solicit their reactions. It is anticipated that a proposal on alternate faculty employment series will be brought to the Senate in November.

* Although the Board of Regent's intentions about the President's evaluation continue to be unclear, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee is proceeding with its plans to achieve a November completion deadline. On September 26th a meeting was held with the consultants who (it is expected) will be hired by the Board to conduct the evaluation. The consultants will collect faculty evaluation responses on a secure external Website and the Executive Committee will tabulate and evaluate the responses, and write a final report for the Board. All eligible full-time tenured and tenure-track ECU faculty members (over 530) are to participate in the evaluation.

The next item of business was to hear from Senate Standing Committee liaisons. Most of their comments will be included in reports from the respective Committee chairs. The Senate's first ever New Senator Orientation is scheduled for September 29, 2005 from noon until 2 pm in the Regent's Dining Room. Senators Robles, Ware, and Randles have an interesting and informative session planned. Many thanks to these Senators for their efforts in developing the orientation and preparing materials.

University Committee liaisons reported that most University Committees have not yet met. Senator Flanagan updated the Committee on the continuing saga of Arlington's effort to upgrade facilities, which will result in an increase in dues that may make it extremely difficult for many faculty to afford a membership. This is particularly troubling since Arlington is a faculty/staff/alumni enterprise. Senator Hubbard reported that the GenEd Committee continues to meet weekly and anticipates a rush of course applications in the very near future.

The meeting continued with the FS Chair's report. The FS Chair met with the Chairs Association to emphasize

- (a) the importance of reviewing the proposed P&T revisions and encouraging their department faculty to communicate approval/disapproval to their Senator prior to the October 3rd meeting;
- (b) the responsibility of chairs to encourage effective communication between their faculty and the Senate because faculty who are not informed about Senate business are disenfranchised;
- (c) that all eligible full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty will be asked to participate in the faculty evaluation of the President; and
- (d) that the Senate has become very proactive, and will debate and act on a broad range of important faculty issues this academic year.

The first Faculty Coffee Chat with the President, Provost, Faculty Regent and Senate Chair was September 22nd and a chatty group of faculty attended this most cordial session. The next Coffee Chat with the President will be October 27th from 8 to 9 am in the Faculty Club Lounge, Keen Johnson.

Senate will resume *Meet and Greet* sessions for one hour before each regularly scheduled Senate meeting. Please come for an informal social hour from 2:30 to 3:30 pm in the Faculty Club Lounge on October 3rd. Schedules permitting, we will be joined by the President, Provost, and Faculty Regent for informal discussions and Q&A sessions.

The Senate will collaborate with the Teaching and Learning Center to sponsor a "Discussion on Shared Governance," 3:30 to 4:30 pm, October 18 and 19, Faculty Club, Keen Johnson. Come prepared for what promises to be a thought-provoking discussion.

The FS Chair met with the Faculty Club Board of Governors and encouraged strong ties between the two entities. Senate will have a discussion of the role of the Faculty Club as a preliminary to developing a campus wide survey on the same topic. Faculty Club events will be scheduled based on preferences expressed in the Senate discussion and subsequent survey. Efforts are underway to replace the dilapidated furniture in the Club.

The meeting concluded with a report from the Faculty Regent, Senator Schломann and Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Thompson, substituting for the Provost who was off campus. The last item of business was to finalize the agenda for the October 3rd Senate meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Siegel, Senate Chair