Elections were held for new officers and Carolyn Siegel was unanimously re-elected treasurer for the upcoming year. Other officers include President Carol Bredemeyer (NKU); Vice President Terry Irons (Morehead); and Secretary Tucker Landry (KSU).

An issue referenced in an October Special Newsletter to KTRS participants was brought up. Western Kentucky University's Faculty Senate expressed displeasure that the university is required by statute to make annual payments to the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System (KTRS) as a result of legislation enacted in 1994 creating the Optional Retirement Plan (ORP). The newsletter mentioned a possible lawsuit; however, they are not pursuing this avenue as the payments arrangement appears to have legal standing. What is being evaluated is the source of the funds for the payments. It appears that universities are not required to deduct this amount from retirement program participants as is being done at present, so the question arises as to whether the dispute is with KTRS or with the universities. A study was done and the approximate impact of funding the KTRS payments amounts to $2,000 per ORP participant. The Murray faculty senate is hoping to get the state legislature to impose some caps on the amount taken to fund this.

Mark Wattier, new Faculty Representative to the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) announced that:

- CPE's Public Agenda was approved as of July, and suggested that faculty should study the plans for their institutions carefully. I have a copy of the entire plan for review, and the information is available on the CPE website.
- Regarding the CPE budget process, capital construction is the first priority, along with an effort to move each institution to the benchmark median with regard to state funds per FTE so that they can complete House Bill 1 goals.
- Small economic growth, producing about a 2% increase in state revenues, is projected for next fiscal year.
- The issue of affordability is at the forefront, as large tuition increases last year was a concern to the CPE Council. The CPE will be looking at asserting more control over tuition rates. Final decisions on tuition increases will have to be approved by the CPE, which is something new.
- Also under discussion is the issue of developing a statewide, rigorous, pre-college curriculum with a greater emphasis on math, English, reading. Of particular note related to college preparedness was the fact that approximately 40% of KEES students lose their scholarship money in two years because they are unable to maintain a 2.8 postsecondary GPA. Criteria for getting and keeping KEES scholarships are to be changed to reflect the new emphasis on a rigorous curriculum.
Following the COSFL meeting, representative Wattier distributed an e-mail inquiry to COSFL representatives asking for feedback on changing CPE program productivity review from every two years to every four years. The response was overwhelmingly positive in this regard.

Campus reports:
- UK – Provost search; retirement health benefits being discussed; employees hired as of January 2006 will not receive contributions toward retirement health insurance. Others will have a graduated plan based on years of service.
- NKU – health plans are being investigated; a PPO is now in place; an early retirement plan has been withdrawn, though a “phased” retirement plan is in effect; accepting this phased retirement requires giving up tenure; voted to adopt +/− grades by 18 to 10.
- Murray State – President King Alexander is being courted by a university in California, but the faculty is hopeful that he will remain; dental insurance is now in place; outside peer reviews for faculty on the tenure track is being discussed; salary equity (by gender, race, and colleges).
- KSU – KTRS deductions are being discussed; also release time for deans and chairs, and summer pay.
- EKU – faculty forums are taking place, with the university president; shared governance is being discussed; EKU is undergoing a P&T review; workload study is being discussed.