

Dear Senators:

This written report substitutes for an oral report to the Senate of the Executive Committee meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>. In addition to hearing updates from the standing committee liaisons, the Committee also learned from Election Committee Chair Senator Randles about a plan for the election of our first ever Senate Vice Chair. In other news:

- The **Parking & Transportation Report** is almost ready to be sent to the President for her consideration. The Committee worked diligently throughout the summer and this fall narrowing the consultant's recommendations.
- Faculty shortly will receive the Anthem **Benefits Booklet**.
- The **bookstore** reports that as of mid-October, 45% of textbook adoptions for the Spring semester have been received compared to 31% of adoptions obtained on this date last year. They currently have 1,201 courses with adoptions in comparison to 830 at this time last year. Approximately 2,663 courses are expected to have textbook adoptions for a total number of 4,750 separately adopted textbooks. By the end of October, Lisa Crowe will have sent reports to each department informing them of which textbook adoptions are still needed. The goal is to have all adoptions in by the beginning of finals week so that students may sell their books back and get the most money back for them.
- The Board of Regents is in the process of selecting consultants to implement the **President's evaluation**. The faculty's evaluation of the President will be conducted by the consultants. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee will review all the evaluations and prepare a report for the President and Board.
- Two discussions on **shared governance** were held in cooperation with the Teaching and Learning Center. Both were very informative and helped identify issues that we should focus on, as well as possible directions for further discussions. A direct outcome of the preliminary discussions was the formation of an ad hoc Senate **Futures Committee**. The charge for this committee will be: *To engage in consideration of the challenges facing the faculty of Eastern Kentucky University and develop recommendations for strategies to turn challenges into opportunities to stimulate faculty engagement and productivity, and develop effective workload distributions.* A preliminary report is due to the Senate at its May 1, 2006 meeting.
- A proposal is under development to create a **Clinical Appointment**, much like the Lecturer Appointment but for clinical faculty primarily in the health sciences.
- The ad hoc committee developing a **Lecturer Appointment** has completed its work and the proposal will be sent to the Senate in November.
- An ad hoc committee is in the process of being formed to review the **Faculty Handbook** and ensure that practices are in compliance with the Handbook. This Committee will report its findings to the Senate Rules Committee.
- Two open meetings on the proposed **Faculty Achievement Awards** were held in the Faculty Club. The Provost will report on the outcome.
- The November Senate *For the Good of the Order* discussion will be on *Streamlining Senate Agendas and Meetings*. In December, we'll consider *Strategies for Revitalizing the Faculty Club – What Types of Activities Should the Club Sponsor?*
- President Glasser will participate in our next Coffee Chat on November 10th.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn F. Siegel, Chair  
EKU Faculty Senate