

March Report  
Chairperson Faculty Senate  
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The Executive Committee met on February 19, 2007. It was agreed to shift our *For The Good Of the Order [FTGOTO]* topics for the rest of Spring Semester. The impetus for this was the overwhelming interest in the dialogue begun by our Provost regarding his "*Preliminary Framework For Distributing One-Time Merit Funds to Faculty*". This appears to be a particularly sensitive topic for some of our faculty – and since there have been some faculty concerns expressed – the Executive Committee decided this would be a more relevant topic at the March meeting.

Our original topic on "*Faculty Workload*" has been moved to April, and the May topic will be "*Alternative Scheduling*". However, it was the consensus of the committee to list the faculty workload resolution as an informational item for discussion under "unfinished business" on the March Senate Agenda.

In addition, I set up two opportunities for the faculty to speak directly with Dr. Piercey regarding his dialogue on one-time merit distribution. The two three-hour forums were held on *Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>* and *Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>* from 2:00-5:00p.m. in Walnut Hall, Keen Johnson. I especially would like to thank our Provost for his willingness to radically alter his schedule in order to make these forums a priority and to accommodate questions and discussion. I noticed that the Provost's Council was cancelled so that it did not conflict with Wednesday's forum.

There have been inquiries regarding a *Resolution on Free Membership to the New Student Wellness Building*. I am investigating the possibility with the administration. The Executive Committee was in agreement that the issue be deferred and assigned to the Welfare Committee for further discussion.

I recently shared an audit report with the Executive Committee compiled by Crit Luallen that suggests the unlikelihood of ECU reaching the CPE's 2020 Goals. I wanted to share this with all of you for your information. The report can be accessed at:

[http://www.auditor.ky.gov/Public/Audit\\_Reports/Archive/2007TuitionBriefing-Performance-PR.htm](http://www.auditor.ky.gov/Public/Audit_Reports/Archive/2007TuitionBriefing-Performance-PR.htm)

Finally, on behalf of all our faculty, I want to thank Dr. Ted Randles and the Senate Elections Committee for their hard work and dedication in assuring transparency, fairness and professionalism in our recent Faculty Regent and Part-time Faculty Elections.