

**May Report
Faculty Chair
David Eakin**

I would like to start by thanking all of you for your commitment of energy and time serving as Senators this year. Some of you are leaving us as your term runs out and I know all your colleagues appreciate your efforts and work on their behalf. I think special thanks are due Dr. Pam Schlomann for her five years representing the entire faculty as our Faculty Regent. We will look forward to working with Dr. Malcolm Frisbie in the future. In addition I would like to thank each of you who served on a committee for your special leadership role – especially if you served as a Chairperson.

My personal thanks to each of you who has helped me solve problems and given me advice this year – with special thanks to Dr. Robert Miller who has served us admirably as Parliamentarian, to Dr. David May for his willingness to serve in the Vice Chair position, and to Pauletta King who has served as our secretary again this year. I can't imagine Senate without a paid secretary, and I can't imagine that secretary being anyone other than Pauletta. David was an invaluable sounding board for me and others on many issues.

When we started this year, I thought I saw where we were going and had it all mapped out. However, various situations and issues arose that changed the course of our efforts dramatically. For a while I despaired at the seeming impasse in communication. I was reminded of a plaque sent to me by a lawyer friend when I first moved back to Kentucky. It read,

"I know you believe you understand what you think I said, but I'm not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant."

But all is well that ends well – and the controversy and confusions have been systematically put to rest. Formal pathways of reporting from and to Senate are being worked out with the help of the Provost, faculty and administration. It appears that shared governance and consensus decision-making are alive and well at EKU. All motions and recommendations are accounted for, and how they are being or have been addressed will be coming back in reports to us. It has been a good year – albeit an unpredictable one.

I wish each of you the best for your summer adventures, and look forward to moving ahead with you again in the fall!