

To: Faculty Senate
From: Joanne K. Glasser
Re: President's Report
Date: September 27, 2006

It was wonderful sharing good food and friendship with those of you who were able to attend the Faculty Senate dinner on September 11. Please let Senator Eakin and me know if you would be interested in making the Faculty Senate dinner an annual fall tradition.

I wish to share with you the following updates and information for my October report:

SACS Update. Faculty will be hearing more about our Quality Enhancement Plan (Critical and Creative Thinking and Communication) over the next several weeks. It is very important for faculty to get involved and encourage student involvement in the activities. Some of these activities are: an Ice Cream Social on Thursday, Oct. 12, a Bookstore display featuring titles on Critical and Creative Thinking and Communication, and visits to the colleges and departments by the QEP committee members. Faculty are encouraged to begin thinking about what the QEP theme means to them. In other words, in what ways could the Quality Enhancement Plan positively affect you and your students? The members of the QEP committee are working on a plan/process to visit faculty in the departments and/or colleges and engage in discussions. Our Quality Enhancement Plan will be submitted on February 27, 2007. I have also attached the FAQ for your further information.

Fall Enrollment. Our estimated final fall 2006 enrollment is 15,775. This is a slight decline from last year. This decline is primarily attributable to a decrease in returning undergraduates and new graduate student enrollment. Enrollment of new freshmen remains even with last year. As I reported in the September campus update, there are some good signs. As of September 19, Enrollment Management reports that we are up in credit hours over last year (1%), with credit hour enrollment strong at our Corbin (+8%) and Manchester (+13%) campuses. Danville is also showing an increase (+2%) in credit hour enrollment, and Richmond is even with last year. Also, enrollment in on-line courses is up (+18%) over last year.

Provost Search. The position announcement has appeared several times in The Chronicle and in other outlets. The search committee began reviewing applications on September 25, with the goal of selecting a number of candidates for initial off-site interviews. From there, the committee hopes to bring finalists to campus before the end of the fall semester. The goal is to have each of the finalists for a full two-day interview schedule to provide broadly-based campus exposure and feedback. The committee has made a commitment that all applications will be treated confidentially until the final stages of the search. We think it is vital that such confidentiality, particularly concerning the names of the applicants, be maintained so that the search process can go forward as it should.

University Advancement and Capital Campaign Update.

- Our phonathon and annual fund efforts for this year are well underway. Student callers have started the semester focusing on encouraging support from our recent alumni as a part of a state-wide young alumni challenge. Our annual fund efforts are in the planning stages of focused appeals for class reunion gifts;
- By all accounts our recent Model Reunion Weekend was a tremendous success. As many of you may know, several hundred Model alums came together for a weekend of activities featuring a Model Centennial Banquet and numerous class activities;
- As I have mentioned before, please make plans now for Homecoming 2006 to be held this year on October 13th and 14th if you have not already done so. Our alumni staff has worked with numerous alumni, friends, faculty, staff and students to plan a very exciting schedule of events. Please contact the Alumni Office at 622-1260 or check out the exciting schedule of events on the EKU home page for more information; and
- In addition to the aggressive development schedule which I have mentioned to you previously, we are finalizing our plans for a significant number of regional alumni and friends events for this fall. These events are being planned in key areas for the purpose of advancing our capital campaign. To date, we are in the process of scheduling events for this fall in Knoxville, Tennessee; Charlotte, North Carolina, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Columbus and Dayton, Ohio, several cities and regions in Kentucky, as well as on the West Coast. Information about this fall's events schedule will be released once all details are finalized.

University Budget Process

As noted in my last report, the Budget Advisory Council has begun work on recommendations for the FY 07-08 overall budget. This process includes a review of various tuition rate models currently under discussion by the Council on Postsecondary Education and consideration of the University's general budget guideline recommendations relative to potential salary increases and other operational needs for my review and consideration for further recommendation to the Board of Regents. Also, as previously reported, the Budget Advisory Council's recommendations are to be submitted to me by the end of the fall semester, with the goal of submitting final budget guideline recommendations to the Board of Regents in January 2007.

When I arrived at EKU, one of my significant concerns in the budget area was the lack of a formalized process that would allow academic departments, working with their respective deans and the Provost, to submit operational, capital, and project needs, in addition to requests related to new or enhanced academic initiatives. For the FY 2007-08 budget, plans are now in place to implement a formalized budget process which will allow departments to submit these requests for purposes of both short-term and long-term financial planning. The implementation of this new budget process will facilitate budget analyses and planning. You will be hearing more about this in the near future through communications from the Budget Office and your chairs and deans.

Update on Task Force Appointments

During our fall Convocation, I shared with you that I would be appointing a Pandemic Flu Task Force, a Retention and Graduation Task Force, and an Extended Campuses Task Force. Each task force is comprised of faculty, staff and students.

- **Pandemic Flu Task Force.** Dr. Michael Ballard, Chair, has convened this group to begin its important work of developing a comprehensive emergency and business continuity plan in the event of pandemic flu or meningitis.
- **Recruitment and Graduation Task Force.** Dr. Janna Vice, Chair, will convene the first meeting of this group on Friday, September 29. The task force has been charged with developing a strategic plan that can be used broadly throughout the University as a guide to enhance retention and graduation.
- **Extended Campus Task Force.** EKU's presence in our service region through our Corbin, Danville, and Manchester centers help to make us a part of the fiber of those communities. Our extended campuses in Corbin, Danville and Manchester, as well as the new Higher Education Center in Lancaster, help the University fulfill its mission as a School of Opportunity and achieve its educational attainment goals by reaching thousands of students who might not otherwise pursue a college degree.
 - o Many students at our extended campuses are place-bound because of jobs, family responsibilities or financial resources, and would find it difficult, if not impossible, to further their education on the Richmond campus.
 - o Although many students enroll at our extended campuses immediately after high school, many adult learners across the region also have found the convenience and atmosphere of our extended campuses particularly inviting.
 - o In addition to providing educational opportunities, the campuses have also become important hubs for outreach, including workforce development. In this regard the extended campuses contribute to our role in and commitment to stewardship of place.
 - o Currently, we are presented with requests from these communities and our students at these centers to offer full degree programs. These requests bring to EKU both opportunities and challenges.
 - o It is important for you to be engaged in campus discussions as to how EKU can best deliver full degree programming to our extended campuses.
 - o I welcome your suggestions on this subject. I am in the process of appointing a task force to provide recommendations for consideration. If you are interested in serving on this task force or have recommendations for an individual to chair the task force, please let me know as soon as possible.

Regional Stewardship. As I previously shared, EKU will be participating in the CPE's Regional Stewardship Program, the goal of which is to promote regional or statewide economic development, livable communities, social inclusion, improved K-12 schools, creative governance and civic participation. The Regional Stewardship Workgroup, chaired by Dr. Jerry Pogatshnik and comprised of faculty and staff, has been asked to recommend an infrastructure proposal that will best serve the needs of the University and our service region, while engaging our faculty in

academically focused programs and public service. This group is diligently at work to provide a draft proposal in accordance with the CPE Regional Stewardship Program Guidelines and timetable. The format of the proposal is for the most part scripted by the CPE. Our charge is to develop an infrastructure proposal that will best serve faculty engagement in Regional Stewardship and will effectively coordinate and expand our current stewardship activities. Both the CPE and members of the state legislature strongly encourage demonstration of institutional commitment to stewardship in the institution's mission, vision, strategic priorities, the criteria for hiring faculty, staff and administrative leaders, and in promotion and tenure policies. I will share more information with you as it becomes available.

Activities and Events. There are many exciting activities and events on campus this fall. The remainder of September and the month of October provide a number of varied offerings, including, to mention just a few:

- Giles Art Gallery features internationally renowned artist, art educator and curator, Bing Davis, September 27 – October 20, with a two-day artist residency and a public lecture, timed to coincide with an on-campus exhibition of his work. The opening reception is Sept. 27 from 5 to 7 p.m., followed by the lecture, "Origin and Development of African American Art and Culture," at 7:15 p.m. in Campbell 239.
- The Chautauqua Series featuring on September 28, Community Activist, Dorothy Jackson, the first African-American woman to serve in the Akron, Ohio mayor's cabinet.
- EKV Theatre Presents: "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds," Wednesday, September 27 through Saturday, September 30 at 8:00 p.m., Gifford Theatre, Campbell Building
- The College of Business and Technology Distinguished Speaker series will feature Bill White, EKV alum and president and CEP of 1st Independence Financial Group and 1st Independence Bank in Louisville, on Wednesday, October 4, at 10:10 a.m. in the auditorium of the new Business and Technology Center.
- Family Weekend is September 29-October 1. For more information, please see the link on the EKV home page.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing commitment to Eastern Kentucky University and your service on Faculty Senate