

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Joanne K. Glasser

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RE: November Faculty Senate Report

As the leaves fall and the evening skies become dark earlier each day, we are all reminded of how quickly the Fall semester is moving along. I hope you are having an enjoyable and rewarding Fall semester.

I wish to share with you the following items for my November report.

Allocation of a Portion of Unrestricted Fund Balance

You may recall that I previously shared with you, as a result of good financial management, reallocations, budgeted deferred maintenance and a budgeted contingency fund, the University now has a fund balance from which one time allocations may be made. The external audit has now been completed and the amount of funds available for allocation has been determined.

When I met with the Budget Advisory Council in late August, I asked members of that group to put on their University hats, identify needs, and submit suggestions for my review. These requests generally fall into categories and have been very helpful in identifying broad areas of need.

Following much careful thought and deliberation, allocations are being made to fund faculty scholarship and research; faculty recruitment; undergraduate retention and graduation initiatives; graduate recruitment and retention; capital pools for academic equipment, classroom and lab furnishings, technology support for faculty and staff, and equipment for academic and administrative support; and infrastructure needs, including a comprehensive master plan, HVAC upgrades in two academic buildings, and the upgrade of one of the large meeting rooms in the Powell Center. More detailed information has been provided to department chairs. I deeply appreciate the support of the Board of Regents in authorizing the allocation of these funds to move ECU forward with its strategic and academic goals.

Foundation Board One Million Dollar Funding Initiative

I wish to remind you of the recent announcement by the ECU Foundation's Board of Directors concerning its one million dollar funding initiative. I hope that you and your department are in the process of preparing proposals for funding from this unique program. I also want to specifically thank the Foundation's Board of Directors for their recognition of needs across campus, their commitment to the capital campaign and their

efforts to make this funding initiative impact as many students, faculty and programs as possible.

Provost Search

The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Search Committee announced earlier this week the names of the candidates who will be interviewing on-campus as finalists for the position. You are invited to welcome each candidate to our campus community and to participate in an open forum to interact with the candidates. The five candidates are (in alphabetical order):

Dr. Linda Calendrillo, Dean
College of Arts & Sciences
Valdosta State University

Dr. D'Ann Campbell
Director of Foundation & Government Relations, US Coast Guard Academy
Former Dean of Academics, US Coast Guard Academy

Dr. Chris McGowan, Dean
College of Science & Mathematics
Southeast Missouri State University

Dr. Rodney B. Piercey, Dean
College of Arts and Sciences
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Dr. William R. Trumble, Dean
College of Life Sciences and Agriculture
University of New Hampshire

Institutional Advancement and Capital Campaign

- Our capital campaign continues to make positive progress. We have now exceeded the fifteen million dollar mark and generated gifts and pledges totaling more than sixty percent of our overall goal. I, and our advancement staff, continue to visit with alumni and friends throughout Kentucky and across the country in an effort to increase alumni involvement and secure financial support for our capital campaign.
- Our Fall Phonathon and Annual Fund initiatives are already off to a very positive start. As you will recall, much of our Annual Fund efforts, as well as the major focus of our student-driven Phonathon, is to secure support for our Alumni Fund for Scholarships. Many of our alumni and friends have been very generous this fall and our fundraising efforts for the Alumni Fund for Scholarships are running well ahead of this time last year.

- By all accounts, this year's Homecoming events and activities were very successful. Numerous traditional events and the new constituency events were very well attended. I want to thank all faculty and academic departments that participated for their efforts to make Eastern's Homecoming activities enjoyable for all of the alumni and friends who came back to campus. In order to continue the positive momentum of Homecoming, planning is already underway for our Alumni Weekend activities, which are scheduled for April 27 – 29, 2007. You will be receiving more information in the coming weeks about the Alumni Weekend 2007 events.
- As you may have heard, our first-ever Circle of Opportunity Dinner was held on the Friday evening of Homecoming. This event, as you probably know, is held to honor all donors to Eastern who have given \$1000 or more over the prior year. In addition, the event recognizes those who have endowed scholarships at Eastern and allows endowed scholarship donors an opportunity to meet with their respective student scholarship recipients. The meal, fellowship and entertainment provided by our Faculty String Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Jeremy Mulholland and our University Singers under the direction of Dr. Hunter Hensley were all tremendously enjoyable.

Regional Stewardship Update

We have completed and submitted to the Council on Postsecondary Education an infrastructure support plan related to the current regional stewardship initiative and will continue to work internally on the next phases of the formalization of the overall plan and goals in this area. This work is being coordinated through the Regional Stewardship Work Group, chaired by Dr. Jerry Pogatshnik.

CPE Update

CPE's current focus relates to establishing tuition parameters and guidelines for use by the public institutions for setting tuition for next academic year, as well as discussion concerning the role of non-resident students in Kentucky higher education. The expectation is that the CPE will approve tuition parameters in the next several weeks. We have asked that EKV's tuition hearing before the CPE be held in January. In addition, the plan is also to take tuition and other budget guideline recommendations to the Board of Regents at its January meeting. By having tuition set earlier than in prior years, we will be able to process financial aid applications a few months sooner, which is very important to our recruiting efforts.

Budget Process Update

The Budget Office has been working over the past few years to improve budget processes. For the current year's budget, Karen Neubauer, Budget Director, worked with academic and administrative departments in supplying historical data in order to establish a more realistic base budget. For next year's budget, the Budget Office has developed a formalized process and a related budget calendar, with the objective of making certain

that all academic departments have the opportunity to submit budgets up through their deans in a formal manner, which may already be occurring in some colleges. In addition, this process will give departments the opportunity to put forward, with appropriate justification, area needs to meet departmental goals. Although it is not likely that we will have the resources to address all needs, this process will give us the opportunity to get them on the table for prioritization as well as identify areas where funding is needed in the future.

Also, I wish to share with you a few important dates and events:

- Economic Impact Study Press Conference, Business & Technology Center, November 3, 10:00 a.m.
- Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony, Keen Johnson Ballroom, November 3; Reception at 5:30 p.m.; Dinner and Ceremony at 6:30 p.m.
- Dr. Rodney Piercey, Candidate for Provost & VP for Academic Affairs on EKU campus, November 6-7.
- Dr. D'Ann Campbell, Candidate for Provost & VP for Academic Affairs on EKU campus, November 9-10.
- Face to Face Ethics Conference, Business & Technology Center, November 10.
- Dr. Chris McGowan, Candidate for Provost & VP for Academic Affairs on EKU campus, November 13-14.
- Interim Joint Committee on Education Testimony by President Glasser, Covington, KY, November 13.
- Honors Panel Trip, Philadelphia, PA, November 15-19.
- Dr. Linda Calendrillo, Candidate for Provost & VP for Academic Affairs on EKU campus, November 27-28.
- Dr. William Trumble, Candidate for Provost & VP for Academic Affairs on EKU campus, Dec. 4-5.

I look forward to seeing at our meeting on November 6. Thank you for all you do for our university.