

According to the EKU Website

http://www.academicaffairs.eku.edu/committee/academic_council/

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I would like to propose a motion to amend the current language to read:

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Rationale:

After our recent discussion in the Senate, a substantive move in the right direction toward faculty governance would be to put forth a motion to the President from the faculty senate that the membership of the Council of Academic Affairs be revised so that it is more representative of the faculty at-large. If it were, the debate held in Senate and some of the other decisions that were discussed under the "good of the order" discussion as information items (e.g., change in Withdrawal date, differential fee structure for part-time online students) would be discussed at the Council of Academic Affairs instead of at the Faculty Senate. As the CAA currently stands, 12 of the voting members are purely administrators, one is a chair, two are students, and one is a faculty member. In my mind, this is the core of the problem with shared governance. If the above motion is implemented by the President, this immediately increases communication between faculty and administrators and gives faculty a larger voice in the most important decision-making body about academics on campus.