

**Report from the Executive Committee**  
**Dr. Dave Eakin, Chairperson**  
**Faculty Senate**  
**March 3, 2008 Report**

As you will remember from my previous report, Dr. Sherry Robinson came to the Executive Committee for feedback and judgment on how to best involve the Faculty Senate in the review of existing academically-related policies. Two obvious possibilities came to mind immediately:

[1] It is possible to use our standing committees to review specific topics – or [2] perhaps a new *ad hoc* committee or standing committee should be established. The Executive Committee asked Dr. Robinson to forward some current policies as examples for us to consider. Dr. Robinson sent the following four policies:

4.6.3 Faculty Appointments

4.6.5 Evaluation of Non-tenured Faculty

4.6.6 Evaluation of Part-time Faculty

4.6.7 Adjunct Faculty

When we met on February 18, 2008, the Ex Com agreed that these example policies should be completely transferred to the new template - and that any issues arising should be addressed by the appropriate bodies. Furthermore, it was suggested that the former University Faculty Handbook Committee should be reconstituted with one of its charges to be to help Dr. Robinson's office with the policy review process. Ultimate responsibility for any wordsmithing needed in order to transfer old policies into the new template would fall to Dr. Robinson.

In addition, we believe that once an existing policy has been completely transferred to the new template - and all relevant constituents are in agreement - a University Policy Review Committee be created with the sole responsibility to carefully review the implementation process of each policy. At that time, all policies dealing with academia would come before the Senate for Review.

Senator Johnson introduced a proposed resolution from the Faculty Welfare Committee to send to the members of the General Assembly. The purpose is to show solidarity with our sister academic institutions regarding the proposed base budget cuts for Higher Education. The Ex Com offered several suggestions to strengthen the language of the resolution. Senator Ware accepted responsibility to send an updated copy to the full Executive Committee for review before sending an official copy to the Senate secretary for distribution.

Senator Eakin agreed to discuss the resolution with Harry Moberly and/or Jim Clark to determine the best timing to achieve the greatest impact. Constitutionally, the all revenue measures must originate in the House of Representatives. Since this coming Sunday [known as “Bloody Sunday”] the House A&R Committee will actually be doing the budget, I have forwarded our final resolution to the President and Harry Moberly to distribute and broadcast appropriately. Our timing was good.