

Executive Committee Report
David A. Eakin, Chair
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Suggested Bulletin Board Language Revision. Mr. Fifer was in attendance to present the proposed bulletin board policy from Student Government. He requested that the policy be placed on the April Senate agenda. The Executive Committee was in agreement that the policy should first be vetted by the University Council before going to the Senate. Senators Frisbie, Shadur and Eakin agreed to work together to create the specific wording for the official notification of the committee's decision to Mr. Fifer, as SGA President. The SGA workgroup has requested an opinion from our university Counsel.

Posted Item Stamping Guidelines Draft. Mr. Colin Reusch and Mr. Robert Miller were in attendance to introduce the draft policy for the poster stamping guidelines proposed by Student Government. The Executive Committee was also in agreement to have the SGA workgroup request an opinion from the University Counsel before bringing it to the full Senate.

EKU E-Mail Policy Draft. This discussion has been put on the April agenda for Senate.

Syllabus Policy Draft. Dr. Sherry Robinson was in attendance to introduce the proposed syllabus policy draft. In addition, she shared two additional questions pertaining to the syllabus policy for future discussion. Dr. Robinson agreed to formulate a background document on the policy and will forward on to Senator Eakin as soon as possible. The Executive Committee agreed to list the syllabus policy as an informational item on the April Senate agenda. The policy will come back to the Senate at a later date as an action item.

In an effort to avoid miscommunication, the Executive committee agreed to send the syllabus policy draft, future questions for consideration, and the background information, to all Senators prior to our normal mailing of the agenda and attachments. This allows more time for us to share this information with our colleagues prior to the Senate meeting.

Promotion & Tenure Clarifications. Dr. Sherry Robinson presented the promotion and tenure policy with the recommended clarifications. In addition, she shared a list of additional items for future discussion. The Executive Committee agreed to list everything as an informational item for our April meeting. However, in order to avoid confusion, I have chosen to introduce only the clarifications as an action item for our April meeting.

The Executive Committee recommended that a work group should be established to work with Dr. Robinson on all the additional changes prior to them coming to the Executive Committee. Senator Ware suggested that Senator Kristofik should be a

member of this work group. Tom Otieno was also suggested as a possible member. Thus, the additional items for discussion will probably come to the Senate in May as an informational item.

Grant Writing Seminar. I would like to call to your attention an announcement posted in *EKU Today*. Sponsored Programs is considering offering a 12-week proposal development course for ECU faculty and staff. The goal of this course will be to provide a collaborative environment of continuous and structured support in which participating faculty and staff will develop grant proposals for submission to external agencies. Participants will meet on a weekly basis for 2 1/2 hours and will benefit from a variety of experiences geared toward enhancing their knowledge of the external funding process. A tentative outline of activities for the course is available on the Sponsored Programs Web site. In order to determine the feasibility of this offering, Sponsored Programs needs to determine how many individuals on campus would be interested in participating. In order for the course to be effective, a minimum of 10 participants will be required. The day and time for weekly meetings will depend on the schedules of those individuals who commit to participation. If you are interested in participating in this experience, contact Tiffany Hamblin at 622.3636.

Full Senate Minutes Transcription. Senator Eakin urged the committee to reconsider our decision to disclose parts of our detailed transcriptions of Senate minutes. Two issues that have been voiced include: [1] possible legal ramifications, and [2] faculty becoming uneasy in speaking out knowing that full transcripts may become public domain.