

## Senate Chair May Report

I would like to thank all of you for the last two years. I had some trepidation when I began my work as Chairperson of the Faculty Senate, primarily because I had little experience chairing such an august body. But you have made it easy for me by exhibiting behavior that has been the very definition of collegiality. I wish each of you the very best in the future – in your influence on your students through teaching – in your continued service to Eastern and our service area – and through your individual scholarship and example of life-long learning.

You should be aware of the draft of the proposed faculty qualification policy (and the cover page) sent to us by Dr. Robinson. While this is not on the agenda, it is a sincere request for immediate faculty feedback. Thus, I sent it to you directly and have requested that you send your input and discussion to Dr Robinson. I know she will greatly appreciate our help.

At our last Executive Committee meeting Dr. Jaleh Rezaie was in attendance to discuss the proposed Graduate Faculty Status policy. The draft policy will be distributed to the graduate coordinators who will in turn share with their colleagues. Thus, please share your comments on the policy with your graduate coordinators. The intent is to present this policy to the Senate in the fall. Faculty will also have an opportunity to provide additional feedback at that time.

SGA shared the Bulletin Board policy draft and the Posted Item Stamping Policy Guidelines draft with the University attorney, at the request of the Executive Committee. Student Services asked the University counsel to postpone reviewing the policies until they have an opportunity to respond. However, the SGA reports that Student Services has had a continued presence over the years in this discussion. Dr Eakin reported that he had a long discussion with Mike Reagle, AVP of Student Affairs concerning the Bulletin Board Policy. Reference to a statement in the Faculty Handbook has been referenced regularly. Perhaps the best solution is to eliminate that statement from the faculty handbook and place it as the level of university policy. Please be thinking about that as a possible resolution to the problem.

SGA submitted an updated Dead Week Policy, but it came well after the deadline for submission of topics for our meeting. However, the Executive Committee will review the policy at our August 25 meeting.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I would like to thank David Fifer and the SGA for working with the faculty on a number of issues this year. Such faculty/student/staff work groups represent an important step toward shared governance at EKU.

The topic of Professional Learning Communities came to us via Keith Johnson who reported that Charlie Sweet had asked him to bring this to the attention of the Executive committee. The PLC's include a process for evaluation which may be of concern to others among the faculty. The Teaching and Learning Center would like to have a workshop in the fall regarding faculty evaluating other faculty in the classroom. Since the intent is to establish such evaluations as policy - you should ask your respective faculties to send their considerations to the TLC and to your Senate representatives. I anticipate many questions regarding this topic.