

TO: Faculty Senate
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RE: September Faculty Senate Report

The following updates are submitted to the Faculty Senate for September on behalf of Academic Affairs:

Current Issues:

- 1) A proposal to change CAA membership and charge will not move forward until the CAA and Provost Council roles and charges are settled.
- 2) A proposal for an amendment to the University Promotion & Tenure Policy, which would include a modification to the Faculty Handbook to include the amended policy has been sent in preliminary form to the President to take to the Board of Regents on September 8, 2007 as an information item.

Academic Affairs Curriculum:

CPE has approved the bachelor degree program in Comparative Humanities and it was submitted to the Board of Regents for approval on September 8, 2007.

Enrollment Management:

Current Term as of 8/31/2007

Enrollment Total	15,614
Undergraduate	13,472
Graduate	2,142

Comparable time last year

Enrollment Total	15,487
Undergraduate	13,414
Graduate	2,073

Graduate Education and Research:

Based on our notification from the Department of Health and Human Services, ECU will need to significantly change the way we charge facilities and administrative costs to externally sponsored grants & contracts. Under the new structure, the new rate will be 29.9% of Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC) rather than the 46% on Salaries and Wages. This rate applies to all federal grants and to any other sponsored agreement unless the agency explicitly limits indirect costs. While the rate is reduced from 46% to 29.9%, the MTDC base includes fringes, some subcontracts, and other supporting costs. The Division of Sponsored Programs will soon be conducting workshops for Project Directors to assist them in preparing proposal budgets under this new agreement.

The Graduate School has relocated to SSB 310.

Institutional Effectiveness:

SACS

- Received and reviewed SACS On-site Team Report which cited EKU's Institutional Effectiveness process as a strength of the institution.
- Worked on SACS Application for proposed EKU Ed.D in Ed Leadership degree program.

CPE

- Coordinated "*Making the Case for Success: EKU's Distinctive Opportunity for the Commonwealth*" report project with OIR and Developmental Education to make the case for increased state funding.

QEP

- Initiated hiring process for QEP Assessment Resource Analyst.
- Chairing EKU search committee for QEP Director of the Center for Quality Enhancement.
- Worked with members of the QEP committee and representatives of QEP funded projects about design and pilot testing of assessment measures.
- Coordinated and began data collection of CAT critical thinking assessment in orientation courses during first weeks of Fall semester.

Enrollment Forecasting

- Created enrollment forecasting model to provide monthly updates on projected enrollments for coming semesters.

Program Accreditation

- Worked with accredited programs to provide support and guidance on accreditations, including Computer Science (ABET), Athletic Training (ATEP), and Music (NASM).

Strategic Planning

- Worked with members of the Provost Council and other university leadership to outline the process for KPI data collection to measure progress for the 2006-2010 strategic plan. Specific activities included the development of reporting templates specific to each of the individual campus units.

Program Review

- The Academic Program Review Committee completed the Spring 2007 review of academic programs for the 06/07 academic year. OIE conducted follow-up meetings with Deans, Department Chairs, and Program Coordinators of the individual programs under review to discuss findings of the APR Committee. Following these meetings, program review information was updated to keep accurate the 5-year review cycle.
- The 2007-2008 Program Review Schedule and supporting materials were recently distributed to approximately 33 programs scheduled for this academic year.

Institutional Research:

During the summer, Institutional Research finalized the Spring IDEA distribution and the Summer IDEA collection; updated faculty salary reports with the most recent CUPA benchmark faculty salary data, and completed multiple in-house and external survey projects (including the LGBT Friendly Campus Climate Index). Sponsored by Campus Pride, the LGBT climate survey assesses the environment at ECU for LGBT employees and students, as well as provides resources for success in maintaining a LGBT friendly campus.

IR staff also partnered with the Summer School Committee in creating the Summer Session 2008 survey, with Bluegrass Community and Technical College in researching transfers students; and with the Council on Postsecondary Education in reviewing a Data Quality Policy. With an increase in survey research on campus, IR purchased SNAP survey software which will become the primary tool for survey creation and administration in IR. The IR staff is currently making the transition to SNAP, which includes training; re-creation of large, ongoing, university level surveys; transference of survey data; and server hosting and maintenance.

Finally, IR is currently preparing data for those departments undergoing Program Review. The data will be reported on the IR website by September 25th.