

TO: Faculty Senate
FROM: Rodney B. Piercey
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RE: December Faculty Senate Report

Graduate Education:

The Graduate School has invited Tom Jackson, a nationally renowned graduate student recruiting expert, to conduct a graduate student recruiting workshop for EKU. The workshop will be held on January 31st in Perkins. Deans, Chairs, graduate coordinators and advisors can expect to receive an invitation soon.

Institutional Effectiveness:

University Planning and Program Review:

EKU has purchased and installed a major upgrade of TRACDAT which is more user-friendly and makes report generation much simpler. This upgrade will greatly assist the EKU community in entering data and generating reports which contribute to continuous quality improvement and help measure our progress in achieving the 2006-2010 strategic plan.

IE, in conjunction with members of the Strategic Planning Committee, is preparing the University-level Progress Report which will be presented to President Whitlock.

The 2007-2008 Program Review Schedule and supporting materials were recently distributed to approximately 30 programs scheduled for review this academic year. The deadline for submission of program review materials is Friday, November 30, 2007. The Program Review Committee will then begin its work. IE has also provided significant support for the Office of Graduate Education and Research to develop a strategic plan inclusive of campus input.

QEP:

Dr. Keeley is chairing the QEP Director search. Telephone interviews have been held. Candidates meeting finalist requirements have been brought to campus. The Search Committee is determining next steps in conjunction with Onda Bennett. A QEP analyst has been chosen and will be announced once the HR process is finalized. IE has been working on QEP projects and assessment including the first scoring of the CAT critical thinking test.

State Compliance and University Accreditations:

IE has collaboratively participated in both the ABET and PGM accreditor visits to campus. Dr. E. J. Keeley is co-chair for Standard 2 on Assessment for the NCATE accreditation, and IE and the NCATE team are working in preparation for this accreditation.

Kentucky Association for Institutional Research:

IE and IR provided active leadership at the 2007 meeting of the Kentucky Association for Institutional Research. Dr. Keeley is now the President of the Association, and Baron Wolf is Treasurer/Secretary. Both IE and IR staff members presented at the Conference.

Institutional Research:

IR has created and administered two surveys for Graduate Education and Research; one for current graduate students, and a second survey to current faculty. These surveys were conducted to gather information toward creating the Graduate Education and Research Strategic Plan. Three additional surveys (HR Retirement, TLC, and NOVA) were administered during this month, and we are currently designing two surveys for the College of Education. We also offered a workshop at the Teaching and Learning Center on Successful Survey Research. In addition to our survey efforts, we filled more than a dozen ad hoc data requests for varying departments and programs on campus. We attended the annual meeting of the Kentucky Association of Institutional Research where Chad Adkins, Research Analyst, presented a session on DataTab, an online data tabulation program he created for IR. Currently, we are completing the AAUP and CUPA faculty surveys. We anticipate the receipt of our official enrollment numbers from CPE/IT very soon; upon which we will begin creating our Factbook and completing numerous external surveys.