

To: EKU Faculty Senate
From: Mixon Ware, Chair
Date: January 12, 2009
Re: Executive Committee Chair's Report

The Executive Committee met on December 15, 2008. Information discussed and to be considered at the January 12, 2009 Faculty Senate meeting is as follows:

- Laurence Hayes presented an informative presentation on behalf of the ADA Committee. The services available to assist faculty are considerable and many faculty are unaware of what is offered on campus. The ADA Committee will provide us with information in a presentation at the January meeting.
- A presidential review is scheduled for the upcoming year and the Faculty Senate will work with the Board of Regents to include faculty participation in this process. The Board met on December 4th to discuss the presidential review process and a request for proposals will be sent to five consulting firms to assist with the review. Proposals will be due January 15, the Board will review the proposals, and interviews of the firms will be held on January 26th. The data collection phase should be completed by March 16th and the Senate's evaluation should be completed before that date. Senator Frisbie will check with the Board to see if the Senate can use the services of the firm selected to assist the Executive Committee in facilitating a survey of all faculty. The presidential review will be a standing item on the Executive Committee and Faculty Senate agenda until the process is completed.
- Strategic Planning Council – The Committee on Committees is still accepting nominations and will finalize a list for consideration for the college faculty representatives by the end of the year. The list will be presented to President Whitlock for review and final consideration.
- Senator McKenney introduced a motion to include librarians on the newly formed Strategic Planning Council. The Executive Committee were in agreement to list the motion in the January Senate agenda for consideration.
- Academic Affairs Budget Update – Senator Piercey reported that once the budget is known, Academic Affairs will begin looking strategically at all areas within Academic Affairs and will make a judgment as to how each area can bear the burden. He indicated that he will take as much as possible from the Academic Affairs Office before looking at other areas. He has suggested that the direct reports in Academic Affairs prepare a preliminary report to show how they might handle expected reductions. Furthermore, he suggested that they make additional requests for items needed in case funds become available in the future. Senator Piercey stated that as of right now, positions that have already been approved are funded and can still move forward..

- Policy Updates presented by Dr. Sherry Robinson include the following:
 - The Provost Council voted to support the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations on the Early Registration policy. The originating body for that policy is working on a revised draft which will come back before the Senate at some point.
 - Dr. Robinson talked with Lindsey Cross regarding the dead week policy and advised her that if SGA wants to pursue, that they take it through the Policy on Policies process to develop an impact statement. Dr. Robinson indicated that there will be a drafting team established to work on this policy if SGA wants to continue to work on it.
 - A draft team has been established to review the non tenure evaluation process for first year faculty.
 - A draft team to review the Promotion and Tenure policy will begin work in the spring. The group will be looking at how to get rid of repetitive and contradictory material as well as reviewing the appeals process and the number of levels required in the process. Additionally, they will be reviewing whether or not there should be a cut off date for the applicant's ability to make changes to the application. (Senator Piercey suggested that an application should not be changed by the applicant after the departmental review. The Executive Committee were in agreement with that statement, but added that errors should still be corrected.)
- The holiday celebration co-sponsored by the Senate, AAUP, and the Teaching and Learning Center was held in December. Approximately 25 people enjoyed good food and a lively discussion with the Foundation Fellows.
- A timely topic for the "For the Good of the Order" discussion was identified as: "How can we maximize our effectiveness in the face of declining resources?"

Respectfully submitted,
Mixon Ware