

TO: Faculty Senate
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RE: March Faculty Senate Report

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Academic Affairs

- Chief Academic Officers meeting hosted by Murray State, February 26 thru 27.
- Enrollment Management leadership search update.
- The University Promotion and Tenure Committee, and its chair, Dr. Ella Hunter, have been performing admirably in the fulfillment of their charge. They have been diligent in remaining cognizant of the transition from the previous Promotion and Tenure policy to the current policy, and have made every effort to provide candidates with a full and fair consideration of their applications. Academic Affairs is grateful to Dr. Hunter, and to the Committee members and alternates, for the work they have done.

Policy & Governance

- The Early Registration Policy will soon be posted on the policy website for the 30-day comment period.
- The policy website continues to be updated with current academic and non-academic policies. The website will ultimately house official versions for all academic and non-academic policies, and has already become an excellent resource for faculty and staff seeking policies. The site can be found online at www.policies.eku.edu.

INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS AND RESEARCH

Planning and Assessment

- Dr. E. J. Keeley and Dr. Jo Ann Ewalt, Chair of the Strategic Planning Council, met with President Whitlock to discuss the charge to the Council and to prepare for the next strategic planning cycle, which will include recommendations for the creation of Eastern's Strategic Plan for 2011 to 2015. The Strategic Planning Council will work in concert with the Financial Planning Council to make recommendations to the President with respect to the University's strategic focus and priorities.
- The University Assessment Committee (UAC) is reviewing achievement of last year's KPIs to help complete the Strategic Plan progress report for the 2007-08 planning cycle.
- IE has provided assistance to the Ed.D. and Clinical Lab Science/Tech programs on assessment and accreditation.
- To help academic departments assess advising effectiveness, we are now offering the opportunity to participate in a University-wide advising survey, and all departments have been invited to participate.

SACS

- A SACS Review Team came to Eastern in February to evaluate the first year of implementation for Eastern's new Ed.D. SACS has already approved Eastern's *Document for Substantive Change*.

CPE

- The Key Indicators negotiation meeting with representatives from CPE has been postponed until the completion of the current legislative session.

- The Colleges have analyzed the programs identified by CPE as “low-productivity” in terms of degree production in their Program Productivity Review (PPR), and have provided written recommendations which were submitted to CPE at the end of February.

QEP

- We are setting up and administering the CAT (Critical Thinking Assessment Test) to senior-level courses during the Spring 2009 semester.
- Data for the University’s QEP initiatives are being assessed, focusing on Spring 2008 first-year freshmen and senior NSSE questions related to critical thinking.

Institutional Research

- The 2008-2009 Factbook is currently being updated and will be released in mid-March.
- We completed the pilot of the ECU Advising Survey, and the survey is now available for all departments.
- The Undergraduate and Graduate Alumni Survey Results will be posted very soon on the IR website.
- Fall 2008 IDEA evaluations have been processed and are ready to be picked up in the Institutional Research office (Coates 201). The deadline for Spring 2009 IDEA evaluations is Friday, May 1st. Faculty seeking assistance with the paper evaluations can contact Institutional Research; for assistance with online IDEA evaluations, contact Gene Kleppinger.