

To: EKU Faculty Senate
From: Mixon Ware, Chair
Date: April 6, 2009
Re: Executive Committee Chair's Report

The Chair's report this month differs somewhat from prior months because I want to highlight some items for communication and feedback.

1. Technology concerns – I have received a number of comments from faculty regarding laptop replacement, the mandatory move to Vista, and other technology issues. To insure that these concerns are heard, I plan to schedule a meeting with Mona Isaacs so that we can work together to effect changes in the best way possible for all. Please send me your constituents' concerns this week so that I can convey them.
2. Policy review – Based on feedback pertaining to policy review, the provost's office extended the review period for Policy 4.6.5 (Evaluation of Non-Tenured Faculty) and the new policy, 4.1.12 (Course Registration) until April 10th. The review period originally proposed for policy review was 14 days and that was lengthened to 30 days based on feedback from the senate. At least two email notices were sent regarding the posting of these two policies, but somehow the information does not seem to be getting through. If you have any ideas as to how to better publicize this information in the future, please share your input.
3. Writing intensive requirement – in the interest of facilitating student graduation prior to having all of our writing intensive courses implemented, I am pursuing some guidelines as to extending the deadline beyond December, 2009.
4. In the future, we will be operating under a "paperless pay" system, meaning we will not receive printed verification of compensation as we have in the past.
5. Appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee on Academics – At my request, the Rules Committee has been discussing the need for a new Standing Committee on Academics. The structure of this committee would be similar to the Senate Budget Committee, and like the Budget Committee, it would serve in an advisory capacity on issues affecting faculty related to academics. Creation of a new standing committee will need to go before the faculty at large, and we have a need for this committee to address pressing issues at this time. Therefore, I am appointing an Ad Hoc Committee on Academics. This committee will work with Senator Taylor as the senate representative to the Strategic Planning Council, and in other advisory capacities as necessary. Examples of issues to be addressed immediately and over the summer include, but are not limited to:
 - advising
 - upcoming discussions on an Associate of General Studies
 - 120-hour minimum for degrees
 - upper division hours requirement
 - 16-week scheduling

Regarding other items for discussion, the Executive Committee met on March 23.

We discussed the final resolution of the KCTCS tenure issue. No further actions are pending at this time, but we will continue to monitor this through COSFL.

Presentations approved for the April senate agenda include an update on OEP, campus copyright issues, a report on cooperative education, the new scheduling software, and a posthumous degree recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,
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