

To: Faculty Senate  
From: Malcolm P. Frisbie  
Date: 6 April 2009  
Re: Regent's Report

The Board has not met since my last report to the Senate. We are moving forward in two areas, however.

First, we are making progress on the presidential evaluation. E.J. Keeley, Executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Research, is serving as ECU's liaison with the Pappas Consulting Group. EJ has been working closely with Dr. Steven Portch (from Pappas) and the appropriate people at ECU to develop survey instruments and make arrangements for completing the information-gathering part of the evaluation. With input from the Senate Executive Committee, a faculty survey instrument has been designed. Similar instruments were also developed for staff and students, with input from staff and student leaders. Pappas is in the process of getting those set up on a host website. The surveys will be open online from 8 through 17 April. A dedicated email address will also be available to faculty so that additional comments can be made directly to the consultant after the survey period. We will get an email explaining the procedure for accessing the survey and the email address shortly. Dr. Portch will be on campus for focus group interviews on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April. EJ has been working with the Pappas group to get invitations out to potential participants and to complete logistical arrangements for the meetings.

On another note, as I explained to faculty in an email, it is time for a new faculty representative on the Council on Postsecondary Education. The faculty regents from the state institutions of higher learning constitute the nominating committee, which will submit a list of three candidates from which the governor will appoint the new CPE member. I have received several suggestions about candidates to forward from ECU to the nominating committee. I have asked those candidates to provide me with a brief statement that outlines their qualifications for serving on CPE, explains their motivation for so serving, and comments on their vision for the faculty member's role on CPE. Because all of the state universities and the Community and Technical College System will likely submit candidates for the nominating committee to consider, I think ECU will be best served by forwarding one, or at most two, names for consideration. I will consider as carefully as I can the candidates who have expressed interest in the position during the course of this week. I plan to submit one or two names to the committee chairman by Friday, 10 April.

The Board will next convene for a regular quarterly meeting on 24 April 2009.

Please feel free to contact me for further information about either of these items or to discuss topics of concern to you.

Respectfully submitted,

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