

To: ECU Faculty Senate  
From: Mixon Ware, Chair  
Date: November 10, 2008  
Re: Executive Committee Chair's Report

The Executive Committee met on October 20. Lindsey Cross, Executive Vice President of the Student Government Association, brought the revised Dead Week draft policy before the Committee for discussion and comment. The students have incorporated suggested revisions they received from both the Executive Committee and Faculty Senate earlier this year, and the draft is ready to present to the Faculty Senate at the November meeting. The Dead Week policy was approved the November agenda.

Representatives from the Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Early Registration, Services for Students with Disabilities Services, and Athletics met with the Committee to discuss the proposed Early Registration draft policy. The Ad Hoc Committee will present its findings at the November meeting of the Faculty Senate. A report is due to Provost Piercey with faculty feedback on the policy.

Dr. Sherry Robinson provided an update on policies under review. Legal issues relating to the promotion and tenure policy need to be reviewed and addressed, and a work group consisting of Paula Kristofik, Tom Otieno, and James Wells has been assembled to consider these issues. The Chairs Association plans to review the policy on non-tenure review, and Dr. Robinson hopes to coordinate the work of the two groups on both policies related to promotion and tenure.

Senator John Taylor updated the Executive Committee on the status of the Ad Hoc Committee on creating an ECU community college. A statute that would have allowed ECU to have a community college has expired, and the committee will pursue other options available to the university.

On October 21, the Teaching and Learning Center and ECU AAUP chapter will jointly host a panel presentation entitled, "Shared Governance: What Does it Mean for ECU Faculty?" It is hoped that this discussion will be part of the ongoing dialogue on shared governance that the Faculty Senate Faculty Welfare Committee has presented.

A number of CAA issues will be presented at the November 10 Faculty Senate meeting by Dr. Janna Vice. In addition, Dr. Vice will update the Senate on the progress of the Syllabus Policy task force.

General Education courses and course approval procedures were discussed by the Executive Committee. This may be an issue for the Senate to consider as a "For the Good of the Order" topic. For the November meeting, the topic identified "For the Good of the Order" is:

*How many adjuncts should a department be able to have?*

Respectfully submitted,  
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