To: Faculty Senate
From: Faculty Senate Budget Committee
Date: 1 December 2008

The Budget Committee requests that the Faculty Senate adopt the following motion at its meeting on 1 December 2008.

MOTION:

The faculty Senate of EKU supports the reorganization of the University Strategic Planning Council (SPC) as set forth in the University Planning, Phase 1 document with the inclusion of the following recommendations:

1. Add the Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate to the membership of the SPC.

2. The chair of the SPC shall be a member of the EKU faculty-at-large.

JUSTIFICATION:

- The reorganization reflects the goal presented to the faculty-at-large by President Doug Whitlock in his Convocation address on August 19, 2008, stated as follows:
  - "My goal is to create a budgeting process that is better data informed and more transparently combines the strategic planning and budgeting processes into one process. To that end, I plan to work toward combining the Strategic Planning Committee and the Budget Advisory Council into one body. I have become convinced that this is necessary in order to facilitate the linkage between strategic planning and strategic budgeting that the times require and we want. How we achieve this and the exact composition of the new body is completely undetermined. The 'how' of the matter is a decision we will make together." (Whitlock, August 19, 2008).

- The reorganization facilitates communication and transparency through its linkage of strategic planning and strategic budgeting addresses.

- The inclusion of the Faculty Senate Vice-chair and awarding the chairmanship of the council to a member of the EKU faculty-at- large would strengthen the participation of another core constituency.

- As indicated in President Whitlock's "Commonwealth Budget Update," distributed to university staff and faculty-at-large by electronic communication on November 26, 2008, budget issues are critical and time is of the essence in mobilizing the university to address the challenges presented by current economic conditions. The proposed reorganization supports the role of strategic planning to protect our core instructional mission (Whitlock, November 26, 2008) through planning that informs the budgeting process.