To: EKU Faculty Senate
From: Mixon Ware, Chair
Date: December 1, 2008
Re: Executive Committee Chair’s Report

The Executive Committee met on November 17, 2008. Information to be presented and considered at the October Faculty Senate is as follows:

- Revised draft of the Syllabus Policy – An Ad Hoc Committee on the Syllabus Policy was appointed at the request of the Senate when the Syllabus Policy was discussed in the Senate in the spring. The committee has completed its work and will present its recommendations to the Senate at the December meeting.

- Faculty have been asked to consider the implementation of a 16-week semester, as has been done at other Kentucky state universities. The rationale for this action will be presented at the December meeting of the Faculty Senate. The timing for this action stems from the fact that the university calendar is set on a 5-year cycle, and that cycle is due to be set at this time.

- A presentation of the background, vision, goals, and recommended operating model for university planning that combines the strategic planning and budgeting processes was presented to the Executive Committee. The recommendations will be presented to the Senate at the December meeting. The reorganization reflects the goal presented to the faculty-at-large by President Doug Whitlock in his Convocation address on August 19, 2008 to "create a budgeting process that is better data informed and more transparently combines the strategic planning and budgeting processes into one process." As stated in that address by President Whitlock, "To that end, I plan to work toward combining the Strategic Planning Committee and the Budget Advisory Council into one body." (Presidential address, August 19, 2008). In the present budget climate, time is of the essence in implementing the president's vision. For this reason, the Faculty Senate Budget Committee and Committee on Committees were asked to review the proposed university planning model and to make recommendations at the December 1 meeting of the Faculty Senate. The University Planning presentation is attached, and while this will be included as an "Informational Item" on the agenda for the December 1 meeting, motions will be forthcoming from the Budget Committee. The Committee on Committees will submit a slate of names for consideration for faculty representation. In this time of financial crisis, we as faculty appreciate the fact that the university administration is further opening the decision-making process to include faculty input as to members and structure in these two new councils.

- In addition to curriculum revisions, CAA items to be presented for consideration by the Senate include:
  - Recording of double majors
  - Writing intensive courses
  - Comprehensive baccalaureate degree requirements (Senate concern expressed at the November senate meeting regarding the 48-hour upper division requirement in a 120-hour degree program will be addressed.)
• The final draft of the report from the Ad Hoc Committee on the Early Registration for Designated Populations policy, as approved at the November meeting of the Faculty Senate, will be forwarded to the Office of the Provost on December 1, per our charge.

Other items of business for the regular meeting of the Faculty Senate are as follows:

• Senator Ware and Senate secretary, Pauletta King, have followed up with EKU staff as appropriate regarding the room arrangement for the senate meeting. We have asked that the set-up provide more space for the two rows opposite the podium. In addition, we are working to insure that the power strips will be available.

• There will be a Faculty Holiday Celebration in the Faculty Lounge on December 11 from 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., sponsored by the Teaching and Learning Center. The EKU Chapter of AAUP and the Faculty Senate have been asked to cosponsor this event in support of faculty. No costs will be associated with sponsorship. The Senate will be asked to affirm its support of sponsorship at the December 1 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Mixon Ware