Report to Faculty Senate

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Spring Enrollment

The Office of Institutional Research has reported the following enrollment as of February 26, 2010.

Spring 2010

Compared to this date last year...

- Total enrollment is up 3.0% to 15,143
- Undergraduate enrollment is up 2.2% to 12,902
- Graduate enrollment is up 8.2% to 2,241
- New Freshmen enrollment is up 13% to 236
- New Transfer enrollment is up 23% to 557
- New Graduate Student enrollment is up 18% to 258
- Black Student enrollment is up 7% to 783
- Total credit hours are up 3.9% to 184,739
- Corbin credit hours are down 3% to 8,122
- Danville credit hours are similar to this time last year (4,333 to 4,341)
- Manchester credit hours are down 17% to 1,915
- Online credit hours are up 38% to 17,704

Focus in Academic Affairs

1. The General Studies Work Group has become a helpful venue for reviewing Academic Affairs’ student-success initiatives prior to proposals being presented for action by CAA, Faculty Senate, and the Provost Council. With its representative composition, the Work Group has been able to critically review proposals and offer suggestions to enhance successful implementation.

CAA was presented with four proposals in February and will take action on these items on March 18. The text for these proposals accompanies the CAA material for today’s Senate meeting. The Work Group has spent a number of weeks refining the first two proposals. The last two proposals are editorial clarifications for the Catalog.

a. First Day of Class Attendance: Use it or Lose it
b. Admission Requirements for Associate of General Studies, Catalog Revision
c. Academic Dismissal Catalog Revision
d. Clarification of Credit/Non/Credit Coursework, Catalog Revision

Depending upon CAA action in March, these proposals are requested to be action items for the Faculty Senate in April.
2. Kati Haycock, President of Education Trust (a, not-for-profit organization focused on student success) will visit EKU on Wednesday, March 31. The campus will have two opportunities to interact with her: (A reception will precede each session, and both sessions will include a question and answer period.)

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. University and Academic Affairs Leadership
Focus: Ways Student-Success Data Should Impact our Decisions
(e.g., Provost Council, Administrative Council, Council on Academic Affairs, Faculty Senate Executive Committee/Committee Chairs, Chairs’ Association, SPC, and FPC)

2:00 -3:30 p.m. General Session – Open to everyone
Focus: Ways Schools Enhance Student Success, according to national data

3. Education Trust highlighted EKU in one of two recent reports on higher education. "Top Gainers" and "Top Gap Closers" focus on public institutions nationwide that are ensuring more young Americans of color earn a bachelor's degree.

EKU ranked 1st in the nation among “Top Graduation-Rate Gap Closers among Public Master’s Institutions, 2002-2007.”


These studies examined data from Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System and College Results Online—a unique Web-based tool that allows the public to view college graduation rates by race, ethnicity, and gender—to identify institutions that are making the biggest improvement in either graduating students of color or in closing graduation-rate gaps.

4. A reminder about the visit from Dr. Abdul Kalam, India’s 11th President, 2002-2007:
Tuesday, April 13, 2010, Brock Auditorium, 10:00 a.m. Presentation to Campus Community, “Energy Independence – Alternative Energy for 2010 and Beyond”
Admission will be by ticket only. Tickets will be available via SGA beginning March 29.

For further conversation about this report or any issue in Academic Affairs, Faculty Senators are invited to eat lunch with me on Wednesday, March 3, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room, Powell Cafeteria. Please sign in at either register.