

To: The Faculty Senate  
From: The Committee on Rules  
Date: April 24, 2012

The Committee on Rules requests that the Faculty Senate adopt the following motions at its meeting on May 7, 2012:

MOTION 1:

The Faculty Senate recommends to the Faculty-at-large the addition of a new “Informational Technology Committee” to the Committees of the Faculty Senate. (See The Faculty Handbook: Part VII Organization of the Faculty of Eastern Kentucky University; Section VII The Faculty Senate, E. Committees of the Senate.)

The committee’s structure and duties will be as follows:

**Informational Technology Committee**

- a) The Informational Technology Committee shall consist of five members elected by the Senate from its elected membership. Elected members shall serve for the duration of their current term.
- b) The Informational Technology Committee shall elect annually a chair from among its membership. The elected chair shall also serve on the University Informational Technology Committee as the Faculty Senate Representative to that committee.
- c) The Informational Technology Committee shall provide a channel of communication among the Faculty Senate, the faculty-at-large, and the Administration on faculty perspectives regarding information technology services and policy.
- d) The Committee shall be available as an advisory agency to the President of the University, to the Provost, and to the Strategic Planning Council on information technology matters. The Committee shall meet with the President and/or Provost at least once each semester to share information about faculty perspectives regarding information technology.
- e) The Committee shall make recommendations to the Senate on matters including, but not limited to, information technology practices in the university environment.
- f) One week before each Executive Committee meeting, the Chair of the Committee shall submit written minutes or a progress report to the Chair of the Senate who will forward them to the Secretary of the Senate for permanent filing. The Chair of the Committee shall report to the Senate at least semiannually. After receiving its report, the Senate shall, at its discretion, provide suggestions, reactions, and comments to the Committee for subsequent Committee consideration.

**JUSTIFICATION OF THE MOTION:**

According to the AAUP’s Statement on Government of Colleges and Universities [see [www.aaup.org](http://www.aaup.org)]:

*The faculty has primary responsibility for such fundamental areas as curriculum, subject matter and methods of instruction, research, faculty status, and those aspects of student life which relate to the educational process.*

The establishment of a standing senate Information Technology Committee would ensure that faculty input is given at the earliest stages of any discussion of information technology that affects faculty responsibilities of teaching, research, and service in the university environment. This would prevent situations from arising in which administrative decisions that have an impact on teaching and learning are made without adequate faculty input.