

Motion 2:

The Faculty Senate recommends to the Faculty-at-large that the New Senator Orientation Committee be disbanded and removed as a standing committee from 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 were as follows:

Committee for New Senator Orientation

- a) The Committee for New Senator Orientation shall consist of five members elected by the Senate from its elected members. Committee membership shall be for the duration of the elected senator's current term.
- b) The Committee shall elect a chair annually from among its membership.
- c) The Committee shall organize and carry out an orientation program for first-time senators in the fall semester, preferably on a date prior to the September meeting of the Senate.
- d) The chair of the Committee shall report to the Senate after New Senator Orientation has been conducted.

JUSTIFICATION OF THE MOTION:

Members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee at the end of the 2011-2012 academic year realized that the number of Faculty Senate Committees has grown to a number whereby it is increasingly difficult to find enough faculty senate members willing to serve on those committees. Both the Faculty Senate Chair and the Faculty Senate Vice-Chair agreed that, while new senator orientation remains important, the tasks of convening the new faculty senators and providing the orientation for them can be handled by the Faculty Senate Chair and Vice-Chair without the need of a committee to do so. Both agreed that, if needed, an ad hoc committee could be periodically formed to assist with those efforts.