

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

March 5, 2018

3:30 p.m.

The Faculty Senate of Eastern Kentucky University met on Monday, March 5, 2018, in the South Ballroom in the Keen Johnson Building. Senator Winslow called the sixth meeting of the academic year to order at approximately 3:30 p.m.

The following members were absent: R. Baggett*, B. Bentley*^, R. Bishop-Ross*^, B. Clark*^, A. Collier, D. Corley*^, D. Embury*^, J. Gershtenson*^, L. Kay*, J. Palmer*, C. Privott*^, T. Stevens*, S. Szabo*^, H. Taylor, B. Young*^

** Indicates prior notification of absence*

^ ALT Alison Connell attended for B. Bentley

^ ALT Mary Liu attended for R. Bishop-Ross

^ SUB Michelle Gerkin attended for B. Clark

^ SUB Terri Loan attended for D. Corley

^ SUB Michelle Grempp attended for D. Embury

^ ALT Matthew Howell attended for J. Gershtenson

^ ALT Camille Skubik-Peplaski attended for C. Privott

^ SUB Jeff Neugebauer attended for S. Szabo

^ ALT David Fifer attended for B. Young

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Senator Turner moved approval of the February 5, 2017 minutes as written, seconded by Senator Kopacz. **Motion carried.** (YES = 50 votes NO = 1 vote ABSTAIN = 1 vote) (See Also: [Individual Votes](#))

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT: Senator Benson

Following are recent campus highlights for ECU students, faculty, and academic program.

- Our mock trial team finished first in its regional tournament and is headed to the first level of national competition later this month in Memphis.
- The *Lexington Herald-Leader* recently ran a story on senior Omar Salinas Chacon, a DACA recipient who last fall was chosen as the top honors student in the entire nation at the National Collegiate Honors Council conference. The ECU Board of Regents also passed a resolution on Monday recognizing Omar and his contributions and stating its collective support of him and all our DACA students.
- Dr. Peter Kraska, a professor in our School of Justice Studies, received the Academy of Criminal Justice Science's Police Section Award for his 25 years of scholarship in the field of police militarization.
- Bernardo Scarambone, a professor of piano in our School of Music, recently received the Steinway Top Teacher Award for his "hard work and commitment to teaching and inspiring young people in their study of piano music."
- Our Risk Management and Insurance Program was ranked in the top 20 nationally, according to the February 2018 issue of Best's Review magazine. Also, SR Education Group ranked Eastern among the 2018 Top Military-Friendly Online Colleges.
- Our College of Justice and Safety and the Federal Bureau of Prisons recently announced an Inside-Out partnership, the first in the state, to provide criminal justice students a more hands-on learning experience while also providing inmates at the Federal Correctional Institution at Manchester a chance to learn in a college environment without leaving custody.
- Our first Faculty-in-Residence program begins this fall in the new Martin Hall. The application deadline is Friday, March 9.
- Last month was our grand opening ceremonies for the new Case Dining Hall.
- The 2018 Spin the Wheel Study Abroad Scholarship Event was held in O'Donnell Hall last month. This year, 17 of our students walked away with scholarships to a variety of locations worldwide.

- The tuition freeze announced last fall is already paying off. Enrollment indicators are all up a little compared to the same time a year ago. At our recent Colonels at the Capitol event in Frankfort, the Kentucky Senate honored Eastern with Senate Resolution 118, which noted that we were the sole Kentucky public postsecondary institution to have announced a tuition freeze for the 2018-19 academic year.
- Attendance for the Kentucky All “A” Classic on our campus exceeded our expectations. The 2018 Classic recorded a total attendance of 38,201, the highest number for the annual event since 2008.
- At our recent Board of Regents meeting came Dr. Eugene Palka, our vice president for student success, shared that our four-, five- and six-year graduation rates, already at record-high levels, continue to rise and are well above the national average.
- Also from the enrollment management area, a pilot Pell Plus project, whereby Pell Grant-eligible students from targeted out-of-state areas such as the Cincinnati and South Florida metropolitan areas, will qualify for in-state tuition rates. This will ultimately result in greater diversity on our campus.
- Also at that recent meeting, the board gave the go-ahead to a project whereby the University would develop, in partnership with a private developer and operator, a low- to moderate-income assisted living facility on the south side of campus as part of the first-ever Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district on campus. Best of all, this project will ultimately create up to 60 new jobs, including a clinical learning space for 20 ECU students from nursing, occupational therapy, nutrition, recreation and other academic disciplines. Further, the project will require no financial expenditures from the University.

While the hiring freeze is still in place, President Benson has recommended exceptions for the following three positions: 1) Director of Capital Construction and Project Administration, 2) Executive Director for Model Laboratory School and 3) Head Basketball Coach. (*NOTE: The coach’s salary will be reduced to the league average of our OVC schools.*)

In a continued downsizing of administrative positions, the university will not seek to fill the VP for Development and Alumni Relations. Dan McBride will continue to provide leadership for these areas. (*NOTE: Prior reductions in administrative positions include the following: 1) VP position in Finance and Administration, 2) VP for Communications and Marketing and 3) Special Assistant to the President.*)

Faculty and staff will soon have a designated space available for use in the new Case Dining Hall. A dividing wall will be installed along a section of the northeast corner on the main floor of the dining hall. The space should be available for use by Fall 2018.

Finally, some recent news out of Frankfort gives all of us a glimmer of hope in terms of the outlook for the state budget. The House version of the budget bills (HB200 HCS1) provides many improvements for ECU for FY19-20, namely the restoration of both mandate reductions for Model and the Community Operations Board and the restoration of the original 6.25% General Fund cut.

As was reported to the Senate in February, we advocated strongly last summer for Asset Preservation Funds and the CPE approved a system-wide fee last month – to be implemented at the discretion of each institution – and the House budget bill provides \$43.2 million in agency bond authorization to address our capital improvement needs on campus immediately. Our obligation is to raise \$21.6 million of that amount to apply to these renovations and repair projects. Top of the priority list are the Moore Building, the Wallace Building, and additional floor build outs within Commonwealth so spaces within Combs Classroom can be repurposed for instructional space.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Ombud Minute. Ombud Joan Beck reminded that in times of stress, we tend to turn things inward and put up defenses to the point of becoming offensive which doesn't help to reduce stress, tension, or anxiety. She reminded that during these trying times we should meet the issues of the day by practicing patience and kindness, and listening to colleagues carefully. By doing so, you can reduce your own stress levels as well as assist your colleagues in dealing with their own anxiety.

Budget Issues and Update. VP David McFaddin provided an update and timeline from the Budget Advisory Committee. The committee was charged with identifying \$25M to cut from our budget. The committee has worked extensively with the VP units to review, clarify, and update the strategies which will be included in final recommendations. Implementation of these strategies will result in the reduction of both staff and faculty. The committee's recommendations avoid an "across the board" reduction and focuses on the long term health, size and growth of the University.

The committee's recommendations will be submitted to the President on March 9. The Board of Regents will consider the recommendations on April 6.

NEW BUSINESS:

Report from Council on Academic Affairs. Vice Provost Sherry Robinson presented the materials for approval.

New Programs***College of Business and Technology****Management, Marketing and International Business*

1. Graduate Certificate in Foundations of Business Thought
2. Graduate Certificate in Technical Skills of Financial and People Management
3. Graduate Certificate in Transformation of Inputs to Outputs

College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences*English and Theatre*

4. Departmental Certificate in Professional and Technical Writing

Government and Economics

5. Departmental Certificate in Public Administration

College of Science*Biology*

6. B.S. Biology – New Concentration
Replace Botany option with new option in Biodiversity and Conservation.

Chemistry

7. University Certificate in Fermentation Science
8. Departmental Certificate in Fermentation

Program Suspensions***Academic Affairs****Individualized Studies*

9. B.A. in Individualized Studies

College of Justice and Safety*Homeland Security*

10. Certificate in Disaster Management

Program Revisions**College of Business and Technology***Management, Marketing, and International Business*

11. M.B.A. Master of Business Administration
Revise all M.B.A. program requirements, add three new stackable graduate-level certificates totaling 27 hours of the overall 36 hour program requirement.
12. B.B.A. Marketing, PGA Golf Management Concentration
Drop MKT 405 and NFA 449 and decrease the total hours from the concentration. Replace MGT 208 with a new course, MGT 210, which will add 1 credit hour because MGT 208 is a 2 credit hour course and MGT 210 will be a 3 credit hour course.

College of Education*Curriculum and Instruction*

13. B.S. Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (P-12)
Change catalog display to reflect renumbered courses.
14. Minor in Special Education Non-Teaching
Change catalog display to reflect renumbered and dropped courses.

College of Health Sciences*Recreation and Park Administration*

15. B.S. Recreation and Park Administration, Recreation Management and Programming
Change concentration title from Recreation Management & Programming to Recreation Management and Event Planning.
16. B.S. and M.S. Recreation and Park Administration 3+2 Degree
Change concentration title from Recreation Management & Programming to Recreation Management and Event Planning.

College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences*English and Theatre*

17. B.A. English
Add language "at the 300 level or above" for the English electives requirement.
18. Minor in English
Remove ENG 301 from the requirements, revise upper division requirements and program description.

College of Justice and Safety*Emergency Medical Care*

19. Certificate in Basic Emergency Medical Technician
Update course listings in the certificate requirements.
20. Minor in Emergency Medical Care
Update courses, decrease requirement hours, and update electives.

Homeland Security

21. B.S. in Homeland Security
Remove one course from the core and add two courses. Drop three supporting course and two general education requirements.
22. Minor in Homeland Security
Drop HLS 341, PLS 375, and POL 415, and add the option for HLS 465.
23. University Certificate in Homeland Security
Drop FSE 310, HLS 341, PLS 375, and POL 415, add option for HLS 465.

24. Minor in Security Operations
Remove HLS 320 and add HLS 391 as a requirement. Remove HLS 341 and HLS 391, and add HLS 320 to the electives.
25. Certificate in Security Management
Remove HLS 320 and add HLS 391 as a requirement. Remove HLS 341 and 391, and add HLS 320 to the electives.
26. Minor in Disaster Management
Revise courses within the minor.

Occupational Safety

27. B.S. in Occupational Safety
Decrease the number of major core requirement hours. Create supporting course requirement selection options. Increase free elective hours.
28. Minor in Occupational Safety
Add OSH 110 and remove OSH 305. Add the "W" requirement to OSH 410.

College of Science

Chemistry

29. B.S. Forensic Science
Adjust the requirements for both the Forensic Biology and Forensic Chemistry options.
30. B.S. Forensic Science/M.S. Chemistry 3+2 Program
Remove Forensic Biology degree option.
31. Minor in Forensics
Add new courses to meet the needs of the students.

Geosciences

32. B.S. Geology
Add Geology Electives to the program; separate the supporting courses (non-GEO and GLY) from the geosciences courses in the two concentrations; remove GLY 102 as an introductory course option in the core; remove GLY 512 as Geology Elective from the program; remove MAT 217 as a supporting course for the Academic Concentration; add PHY 131 and 201 as possible PHY supporting courses for the Professional Concentration; add a comment indicating that a preparatory course in mathematics may be required before enrolling in MAT 122 for the Professional Concentration.

Senator Eser moved to table discussion on items #1-3 until the Senate receives a feasibility study and the syllabi for courses, seconded by Senator Fitch. **Motion to table carried.** (YES = 37 votes NO = 12 votes ABSTAIN = 6 votes) (See Also: [Individual Votes](#))

Senator Swain moved to approve items #4-5, seconded by Senator Nowak. **Motion carried.** (YES = 32votes NO = 17 votes ABSTAIN = 4 votes) (See Also: [Individual Votes](#))

Senator Hayes moved to approve items #6-8, seconded by Senator Quan. **Motion carried.** (YES = 39 votes NO = 11 votes ABSTAIN = 3 votes) (See Also: [Individual Votes](#))

Senator Rothe moved to suspend items #9-10, seconded by Senator Mason. **Motion carried.** (YES = 48 votes NO = 2 votes ABSTAIN = 3 votes) (See Also: [Individual Votes](#))

Senator Eser moved to table item #11, the MBA program revision, until the Senate rediscusses the certificates which were tabled earlier, seconded by Senator Fitch. **Motion to table carried.** (YES = 23 votes NO = 22 votes ABSTAIN = 7 votes) (See Also: [Individual Votes](#))

Senate Eser moved to approve item #12, seconded by Senator Ciocca. **Motion carried.** (YES = 37 votes NO = 10 votes ABSTAIN = 4 votes) (See Also: [Individual Votes](#))

Senator Phillips moved approval of items #13-14, seconded by Senator Mason. **Motion carried.** (YES = 46 votes NO = 4 votes ABSTAIN = 2 votes) (See Also: [Individual Votes](#))

Senator Ciocca moved to combine the remaining CAA program revisions into one motion (Items #15-32), seconded by Senator Slusher. **Motion to combine carried.** (YES = 49 votes NO = 3 votes ABSTAIN = 0 votes) (See Also: [Individual Votes](#))

Senator Ciocca moved to approve items #15-32, seconded by Senator Gooch. **Motion carried.** (YES = 49 votes NO = 3 votes ABSTAIN = 1 vote) (See Also: [Individual Votes](#))

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT FROM SENATE CHAIR: Senator Winslow

The Executive Committee is hard at work on the faculty evaluation of President Benson. Faculty-at-large were able to submit their responses to the survey from February 1 to February 16. There were 396 responses received, for a response rate of 54.6%, which is very good. We are in the process of summarizing the responses into an easily digestible report and will submit to the Board of Regents by the end of March.

The Budget Advisory Committee solicited proposals from every sector of the University to cut 15, 20, and 25% of their budget. All units participated in this phase. The Committee is in the process of prioritizing the individual proposals, with the goal to cut \$25M. The Committee will submit its report to President Benson on March 9. Should the President propose to suspend academic programs, the University will closely follow all University policies, including Policy 4.6.16P Dismissal of Faculty, which includes review of proposed program suspensions by the Faculty Committee on Dismissal. Here is a tentative schedule for this process, highlighting events that affect the Senate:

March 22	Regular CAA meeting
March 29	Called CAA meeting
March 30	Provost convenes Faculty Dismissal Committee, sends report to Faculty Senate Chair
April 2	Regular Faculty Senate meeting, vote on potential program suspensions
April 6	Board of Regents meeting, review of budget reduction proposals
April 16	Called Faculty Senate meeting to review FCD report
April 30	Faculty Senate report to Provost
May 7	Regular and Organizational Faculty Senate meetings

One unfortunate consequence of following these policies is that the campus community will likely learn of proposed program suspensions before learning of cuts to other areas. Please understand that the order of these disclosures does not reflect the priorities of the Budget Advisory Committee, but rather is a consequence of policies passed by the Senate, and to some extent the calendar in Frankfort. Again, ALL units in the University are being examined and no area will be held harmless in our recommendations. My understanding is that the campus community will learn many more details following the April 6 Board of Regents meeting.

Reminder: nominations for Senator Chair will be called for at the April 2 Senate meeting.

Senator Skubik-Peplaski moved to extend the meeting time beyond 5:30pm, seconded by Senator Mason. **Motion carried.** (YES = 35 votes NO = 8 votes ABSTAIN = 2 votes) (See Also: [Individual Votes](#))

Senator Hartch moved that the Senate should receive some form of the Budget Advisory Committee's report within 72 hours prior to the April 2nd meeting, seconded by Senator Hunt. **Motion carried.** (YES = 43 votes NO = 0 votes ABSTAIN = 1 vote) (See Also: [Individual Votes](#))

REPORT FROM FACULTY REGENT: Senator Day

In relation to the information shared in the written report, Regent Day shared a [supplemental report](#) on the issue of House Bill 453.

When talking with folks from Economics, they talk about marginal costs. But when talking to faculty in Accounting, they say that this is an argument that accounting and economics folks have been having for decades.

But for my purposes, it would seem that there is no choice but to follow the government accounting standards (GASB), which are pretty involved. That's the way universities in the state of Kentucky have to account for things. Tuition must be posted as revenue. Scholarships must be posted as expense. ECU budgets a total of \$2M in that category—this is only speaking to House Bill 453, not about the tuition waiver that ECU offers internally--but we have to account for revenue and expense and that is presently budgeted at \$ 2M. If we did not have to post that, then our \$25M target would go down by a couple of million. That's real money in terms of how we budget. Now this argument will probably go on, but that's the reason the report was written as it was. Also note that the language was checked by our financial folks before it was distributed.

In other news, the Board of Regents will meet in special session on Monday, March 19 to swear in newly appointed Regent Laura Baggage.

Regent Day shared the following in his written report to Senate.

The ECU Board of Regents met in regular session on Monday February 26th.

On February 28th, Governor Bevin named Laura Schulte Babbage, of Lexington, to fill the vacant position on the ECU Board of Regents.

The Board retained its existing officers for 2018 including Chair – Craig Turner; Vice Chair – Alan Long; Secretary – Dana Fohl; and Treasurer – Barry Poynter.

The ECU Budget Review Committee Recommendations will be presented to the Board of Regents at the April 6th meeting, and an Implementation Team will be appointed by May 1st.

Given the scope of budget issues this spring, the Board agreed to delay final action on Sabbaticals until it could be considered within the context of everything else.

Freshmen Retention data for the 2016 Fall Cohort showed a slight dip of just under one percent, representing a loss of approximately 23 students from fall to fall. But we are still running ahead of our CPE

goals and up ten percent over the decade. The 4-year graduation rate is 29.98 percent, almost seven percent above our CPE goal. The five-year graduation rate stands at 46.96 percent, about ten percent above our goal.

Based on the successful partnership between EKU and the City of Richmond in developing the Eastern Scholar House, the Board of Regents approved a proposal to develop a low to moderate-income assisted living facility, in a proposed new TIF district, in partnership with a private developer and operator. The project calls for assistance to at least 100 low-income seniors who will live in the facility and be a part of our community. *(NOTE: EKU would have no financial or operational responsibility or risk for this project and funding for capital expenditures would be provided by the Kentucky Housing Corporation.)*

The filing of HB 453 has raised some concerns since its passage would eliminate the mandatory post-secondary education tuition waiver across all post-secondary institutions for faculty and staff. Tuition waivers are an important and valuable benefit to faculty - but that benefit is not well-distributed. Those who benefit, benefit greatly, while many of their colleagues receive no benefit from waivers at all.

Some argue that the marginal costs of adding a given student to a class is virtually zero, and therefore, there is little or no cost to the university. But from an accounting standpoint, the costs are quite real. EKU, like all public universities, must follow Government Accounting Standards (GASB) when accounting for revenue and expenses. Universities are required to record both the tuition revenue and the scholarship expense related to these waivers. For any student in one of these programs, tuition (revenue) is recorded, and a waiver scholarship (expense) is recorded. While EKU budgets about \$2 million for this expense, actual annual expenses are running over \$3 million. If the legislature ends the post-secondary waiver program, the amount of funds that EKU has budgeted toward the program could be eliminated from the budget. This would lower our \$25 million target for budget cuts. David McFaddin suggested to the Board that it would then be left to each institution to decide what to offer employees, either at our own institution, or at other institutions. He noted that tuition reimbursement programs are prominent in private sector businesses.

The Board received a new personnel "Turnover Report" showing HR activity from November 2017 to January 2018. The data show a net reduction of 12 positions, over all categories of employee, for a net change of - \$171,080. Among full-time faculty five new hires were reported against three terminations for a net gain of 2 faculty positions, a net of + \$90,118. Among Administrators/Deans there was one new hire (in Engagement & Regional Stewardship) against two terminations for a net change of -\$176,853. At the same time, Operating Expense data reported by Finance VP Barry Poynter showed that Academic Affairs expenses are running \$1,596,296 behind 2017 levels due to the implementation of austerity measures.

Vice Provost Tim Forde presented data from EKU's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Plan, one of only three such plans currently approved by CPE. The plan focuses on three areas: Opportunity, Success and Impact.

The Board approved the Pell Plus program - a pilot project designed to attract students with high financial need by offering in-state tuition to students in two targeted areas in southwest Ohio and southern Florida. The 5-year pilot will be limited to 100 students. Pell Plus would make students eligible to compete for in-state merit aid (using the in-state matrix; i.e. 3.0+ HS GPA/ 23+ ACT for Fall 2018, 21+ ACT for Fall 2019). Students would still be eligible to stack Rodney Gross Diversity scholarship, Trailblazer First Generation award, or departmental awards as appropriate.

REPORT FROM COSFL: Senator Kopacz

COSFL met on February 23rd at the CPE offices in Frankfort.

Travis Powell gave a legislative update. He discussed the cuts on programs across the state and at some of the different institutions. Of interest to us is the significant cut to the University Press of Kentucky.

COSFL is also looking at the impact of tenure which is included in the House Bill of the budget which talks about the removal of tenured faculty when financial exigency is declared or the closure of programs.

There was great interest on House Bill 247 which restructures the KEES money which now can be used for dual credit courses. Robert Staats, the faculty representative to the CPE, was quite surprised to learn about the impact of dual credit classes on campuses since he doesn't deal with undergraduate students.

Also discussed were the tuition waiver issue and aligning state and federal definitions of campus crime reports.

Below are some updates from other campuses:

- UK faculty talked about the corporate attitude and the lower regard for faculty role.
80% of their financial aid packages are now need-based which will certainly affect our recruiting efforts.
- Northern has a new president.
They have ongoing concern about the academic rigor and accountability of education which is being offered through one of the contract outsourcing operations.
- U of L faculty raised concerns about their closed presidential search. As a result, more faculty will be involved in the final stage of the presidential search.
They are increasing enrollment through online programs. This has become a desired long-term approach to cover financial issues.
- Western announced that up to 140 positions may be cut. However, it was also mentioned that more than 60% of their faculty are untenured so it was anticipated that their cuts will not be tenured faculty.
They will also have a 4% salary increase.

Nancy McKenney, State AAUP President, reported that the national president for AAUP will be speaking at the state AAUP meeting on Saturday, April 7th. All are invited to attend.

REPORT FROM PROVOST: Senator Whitehouse

- **4th-Week Report**
Overall 4th-Week Report participation continues to remain steady at 76 percent, and the participation rate for 090-200-level courses continues to climb, reaching 78.5 percent this Spring (from 77.2 percent in Fall).
- **Summer Term Updates**
As the advising period approaches for Summer and Fall, faculty advisors are reminded to discuss summer courses with students. Resources are now available on the [website](#).
- **2018 Scholars Week**
The annual Scholars Week will take place April 9-13. Winners of the 2018 faculty awards will be announced on Monday, April 9, at 5 p.m., in the Library Grand Reading Room. Read more about the faculty awards at <http://studio.eku.edu/annual-faculty-awards>.

- **University Presentation Showcase**

The University Presentation Showcase will be held on Friday, April 13, 2018. **The deadline to submit an abstract for the University Presentation Showcase is this Friday, March 9.**

- **March 2018 Teaching & Learning Innovation Series Sessions**

The March line-up of the Teaching & Learning Innovation Series starts Wednesday, March 7, and focuses largely on supporting our QEP: Critical Reading (Read with Purpose). Series sessions are below.

Topic	Date/Time	Location
Developing Critical Readers through Metacognitive Strategies	Wednesday, March 7 12:30-1:30 p.m.	Noel Studio Discovery Classroom
The QEP and Program-Level Assessment	Thursday, March 8 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Noel Studio Conference Room
Increasing Student Motivation to Read Class Assignments	Tuesday, March 20 9:30-10:30 a.m.	Noel Studio Discovery Classroom
Creating an iGen Pedagogy	Monday, March 26 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Noel Studio Breakout Space Three

- **2018 Faculty Scholars Institute**

The inaugural Faculty Scholars Institute will take place on May 15-16. Interested faculty are invited to apply through March 20 at <http://studio.eku.edu/faculty-scholars-institute>.

- **Pedagogicon**

The annual Pedagogicon will take place on Friday, May 18. Registration is free for ECU participants this year. Visit <http://studio.eku.edu/2018-pedagogicon> for more information.

- **Professional Development Opportunity: Pedagogicon Pre-Conference Workshops**

The Noel Studio is offering two Pedagogicon Pre-Conference Workshops, both on Thursday, May 17.

- *Effective Communication for Leaders Under Pressure*, Joan Beck (9:30-11:00 a.m.)
- *Assignment Design and Assessment: Intentional Integration for Significant Student Outcome*, Cindy Judd & Ryan Baggett, ECU Faculty Innovators (1-4 p.m.)

Please mark the following upcoming dates on your calendars:

- **April 9-13** – Scholars Week
- **April 13** – University Presentation Showcase
- **May 15-16** – 2018 Faculty Scholars Institute
- **May 18** – Pedagogicon
- **May 17** – Pre-Conference Workshops
 - **9:30-11:00 a.m.** – *Effective Communication for Leaders Under Pressure*, Joan Beck
 - **1-4 p.m.** – *Assignment Design and Assessment: Intentional Integration for Significant Student Outcome*, Cindy Judd & Ryan Baggett, ECU Faculty Innovators
- **September 28** – Assurance of Learning

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Elections & University Nominations Committee. Senator Mason announced that faculty should have already received the form to self-nominate for university standing committees. Please encourage your colleagues to participate.

The actual voting ballot will be distributed on March 23rd and will remain open until April 6th.

Information Technology Committee. Senator Cogdill announced that the committee talked with Dean Gardner about the computer replacement contracts. ECU PC laptops will be switching from HP to Dell with Macs still remaining an option for those that use them. ECU staff desktops and laptops will be replaced this summer, which is a year later than was previously scheduled for replacement. ECU faculty laptops will be replaced in January 2019-- six month later than previously scheduled. Those delays are expected to save IT and the university approximately \$300,000.

The committee has been working on the annual technology survey which should be disseminated the week after spring break.

ADJOURNMENT:

Senator Whitehouse moved to adjourn at approximately 6pm.