

Executive Committee Report

11-1- 2019

Marco Ciocca, Senate Chair

The Executive Committee met on October 21 at 3:30 PM. After approval of the minutes for the September 23rd meeting, the following issues were discussed

Policy Updates:

- *Policy Updates*
Vice Provost Robinson introduced Policy 4.6.8 – Visiting Faculty for review. The old policy was written prior to the addition of lecturers. So the new policy brings it in line with how visiting faculty are currently used by the university and brings the language in line with the Lectureship policy. The policy will be listed as a first-read on the November Senate agenda.
- Following an email communication by VP McFaddin about Political Activity on campus, concerns were raised, in particular on which revisions to *Policy 4.7.6 - Political Activity of Faculty* could be implemented. Senator Cizmar, Chair of Rights & Responsibilities, highlighted some of these concerns:
 - HR as the authority on deliberation
 - Provost as a chain of command over faculty in going to the HR Director
 - Possible negative effect on student learning outcomes for courses which directly asks for evaluation and assessment of candidates and their campaign strategies and whether or not they do a good job in governance
 - Adverse effect on faculty in the classroom and in their service responsibilities

XC agreed since the policy does affect faculty, it should be reviewed by the Senate. Once the revised policy becomes available for vetting, the Rights & Responsibilities Committee will be charged to review the policy and report their findings back to XC.

- Policies currently under development or review:
 - New policy of Discontinuance of Academic Programs due to Financial Stringency (*Tentative title*). (*The drafting team is now working on how that will work with the Dismissal of Faculty policy. Both policies will probably be reviewed together when the vetting process begins.*)
 - Dead Week and Final Examination
 - Foundation Professors
 - Dual degrees
- Senator Palmer noted that several faculty are unhappy with the revision of Policy 1.3.1 - Animals on Campus. I notified senators and reminded them that the policy was available for feedback through October 25 and suggested they leave comments.

Ad-Hoc Committees:

- *Ad Hoc Committee on Textbook Resources:*
Senator Woodruff suggested that the committee look at low-income resources as well as free resources. Senator Marion asked that they also review the process used by Barnes and Nobles which almost seems to demand listing a textbook. There needs to be a section added to the excel spreadsheet for comments for such things as “no textbook required” or “using outside resources” in order to avoid continued late textbook notices. Senator Pogatshnik suggested asking Steve Caudill to attend either an Ad Hoc Committee meeting or an XC meeting to talk about textbooks and to answer questions.

I have contact the Chair of this AD-Hoc Committee, Kelly Smith (coordinator of collections), to contact Senators Marion and Woodruff as well as Steve Caudill.

- *Ad Hoc Committee on EKU Forward*
The committee met on Monday, October 28, in the FCTL at 3:30 PM. Senator Daniel Enz was in attendance. Senator Engebretson was represented by Professor Bill Phillips.

Semester scheduling possibilities were discussed, especially in the context of Winter and Summer terms. Of note, during this meeting, were consideration of morale, given the current financial situation. It was felt, by participants, that even simple gestures of recognition would have a significant impact. The subject will be discussed again in future meetings. Further, possible safety issues late in the evening in the Combs bld. were discussed. Provost Pogatshnik will follow up.