

Faculty Regent Report to Faculty Senate

November 2, 2020

Dear Senators,

The Board of Regents has not met in the time since our last Faculty Senate meeting. Since our last Faculty Senate meeting, the Regents were apprised of a few informational items. More details are below:

New Colonel Commitment Scholarship Model

The Board was given a news update on a change to the university's scholarship model. The new **Colonel Commitment Scholarship** aims to improve scholarship access for students without a qualifying ACT score. There are still scholarships that ECU offers that do recognize ACT scores. You can learn more about this informational item, including the dollar value of the various GPA-based scholarships, through the *ECU Stories* [link here](#).

Next Board of Regents Meeting – December 10

- The Board of Regents has not met since the September 10 meeting.
- The Board of Regents [meeting dates webpage](#) still reflects December 10 as the next planned meeting date.


Higher EDQuity Symposium – November 9-10

- Dr. Aaron Thompson's newsletter to Regents and other Kentucky higher education stakeholders on behalf of the Council on Post-Secondary Education (CPE) included detailed information about the upcoming Higher EDQuity symposium.
- The symposium has been named "The Urgency of N.O.W." for 'No Opportunity Wasted'
- The focus will be on equitable strategies and services that support enrollment and degree completion among low-income and underrepresented minority students.
- Speakers include Dr. Neeli Bendapudi (President of U of L), Dr. Aaron Thompson (CPE President), Dr. Tia Brown McNair (VP for Diversity, Equity and Student Success at AACU), and our ECU colleague, Dr. Roger Cleveland.
- The program/forum is open to faculty, staff, students, administrators.
- To learn more or to register, visit this link: <http://cpe.ky.gov/higheredquity/>

Beyond these informational items, I joined several members of this body for the first virtual meeting of the newly invigorated statewide Coalition of Faculty & Senate Leadership (COFSL). As Faculty Regent, at the time of this meeting (November 2), I presumably would have attended the follow-up ECU Enrollment Summit today (Monday, November 2). In regards to the COFSL meeting, Dr. Ben Woodruff did an excellent job setting up the meeting and providing a lot of coordinating/leadership services. ECU was well-represented. From the meeting, a key takeaway was for each university's faculty group to strive to identify three key higher education issues impacting their university (and other public universities) that they perceive may have statewide interest in being addressed by COFSL.

Lastly, please know that you may reach out to me with any questions or comments. You can reach me by email or phone (513-317-9508). My sincerest appreciation continues to go to you for persevering in educating our students in the classroom this exceptional academic term, and for the many ways you endure in service for the university and all of us as faculty.

Respectfully submitted,



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