

# Report to Faculty Senate

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1. Thanks to all those who attended Katie Haycock's presentation. Both sessions were videotaped and will be available for viewing. Follow-up discussions will be scheduled.
2. In response to Senate Bill 1, the College Readiness Advisory Group has proposed a "Progressive Admissions Plan for College Readiness from 2010-2014. Upon the review by the General Studies Work Group and others, the Plan has evolved to the point it is ready to be presented for action. CAA will vote on the Plan in April. (The plan and supporting documents are being sent electronically with this report.)

Depending upon CAA action in April, we will ask to place the proposal as an action item for the Faculty Senate in May.

3. At the last meeting of the Council of Presidents, Commissioner Holliday suggested the university presidents ask for the Chief Academic Officers to discuss development of common or standardized placement tests for mathematics, reading, and writing – based on Senate Bill 1 standards. A teleconference among Kentucky's CAOs was held at noon today.
4. The Financial Planning Council and Strategic Planning Council will meet jointly on April 9 to review the budget. Among other items, Academic Affairs will be taking the following:
  - a. The DNP
  - b. The Ed.D. in Counseling
  - c. The proposal for updating the Faculty Development Fund
  - d. The Comprehensive Model for Online Learning
5. As a follow up to last month's Faculty Senate meeting, a meeting is planned for all the areas on campus involved in assessment at the university level. The goal will be to identify ways we can perhaps streamline and consolidate assessment activities. This discussion is particularly important given CPE's increased expectations for assessment.
6. Spring commencement will be held on Saturday, May 8. Degrees will be conferred at three separate ceremonies. The Spring 2010 Commencement Ceremony schedule is as follows:

9:30 a.m.	College of Education College of Business and Technology
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1:30 p.m.	College of Health Sciences College of Justice and Safety
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5:00 p.m.	College of Arts and Sciences
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Robing rooms will open in the lower levels of Alumni Coliseum one hour prior to the beginning of each ceremony. As usual, commencement will be held in Alumni Coliseum and an informal reception will follow each ceremony in the Fred Darling Auxiliary Gym.

7. Dr. Abdul Kalam, India's 11<sup>th</sup> President (2002-2007) and one of India's most distinguished scientists, will visit ECU on **Tuesday, April 13**. Admission will be by ticket only. Tickets are now available via SGA.

10:00 a.m.      Presentation to Campus Community, "Energy Independence – Alternative Energy for 2010 and Beyond"      Brock Auditorium

8. Eastern was honored to be recognized last year as a *Chronicle of Higher Education* 2009 Great College to Work For. Eastern is pleased to participate in the program again this year.

The 2010 assessment consists of two parts:

- ModernThink Institution Questionnaire<sup>®</sup> ("IQ") is an audit of policies and management practices.
- ModernThink Higher Education Insight Survey<sup>®</sup> is an engagement survey specifically geared towards faculty and staff.

On March 22, a random sample of Eastern's full-time faculty, administrators, and professional staff were invited via e-mail to take part in the engagement survey. Results of the survey will be factored into the overall scoring process that will determine the institutions recognized. High response rates help ensure accurate results and demonstrate the commitment of the Eastern community.

9. The Ninth Annual University Scholars Assembly will be held on **Friday, April 16, 2010**. The Assembly will honor recipients of college and university academic awards. Honors Scholars, Phi Kappa Phi initiates, and student participants in Posters-at-the-Capitol and in the Undergraduate Presentation Showcase will also be recognized at the event. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m.      Ninth Annual University Scholars Assembly      O'Donnell Hall, SSB

For further conversation about this report or any issue in Academic Affairs, Faculty Senators are invited to eat lunch with me on Wednesday, April 7, 12 noon – 1:00 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room, Powell Cafeteria. Please sign in at either register.