

TO: EKU Faculty Senate
FROM: Rights & Responsibilities Committee
DATE: April 6, 2015

MOTION:

Add the following statement to the description of the membership of the Rights and Responsibilities Committee as found in the Faculty Handbook: Part VII. Organization of the Faculty of EKU, Section VII (The Faculty Senate), E. Committees of the Senate, no. 5. Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities:

The American Association of University Professors EKU Chapter President or designee shall serve as a non-voting member of the committee.

Justification of the Motion:

1. The Rights and Responsibilities Committee since 2003 has on a number of occasions invited a representative of the AAUP EKU Chapter to sit in with committee members in an advisory capacity. This was logical and helpful as the committee deals with EKU's application of policies and principles concerning faculty rights that are addressed in the AAUP's "Redbook" (Policy Documents & Reports).
2. Other EKU Senate committees have non-voting members from outside the Senate who attend to provide essential information and advice. For example, the Senate Budget Committee membership includes the Vice President for Financial Affairs. The Senate Welfare Committee membership includes the Director of Human Resources. Having an AAUP EKU Chapter representative as a non-voting member would allow the R&R Committee to address issues in a timely, more efficient manner.
3. It has been argued that the Rights & Responsibilities Committee may invite anyone that it wishes to sit in on meetings. This is certainly true and is what has been done in the past. However, with the frequent turnover of senators and the ensuing loss of "institutional memory," the R&R Committee feels that it would be beneficial to specifically state in the Rules of the Senate that there shall be an AAUP EKU Chapter representative at their committee meetings.