To: Faculty Senate

From: The Informational Technology Committee

Date: January 27, 2016

The Informational Technology Committee moves that the Faculty Senate approve the following motion at its meeting on March 7, 2016.

MOTION:

Modify Faculty Handbook language describing the Informational Technology Committee (Part VII. Organization of the Faculty of EKU, Section VII. The Faculty Senate, E. Committees of the Senate, no. 8. Informational Technology Committee) as follows:

8. Informational Technology Committee
   a) The Informational Technology Committee shall consist of five members elected by the Senate from its elected membership. Elected members shall serve for the duration of their current term.
   b) The Informational Technology Committee shall elect annually a chair from among its membership. The elected chair shall also serve on the University’s Academic Informational-Technology Advisory Committee as the Faculty Senate Representative to that committee.
   c) The Informational Technology Committee shall provide a channel of communication among the Faculty Senate, the faculty-at-large, and the Administration on faculty perspectives regarding information technology services and policy.
   d) The Committee shall be available as an advisory agency to the President of the University, to the Provost, and to the Strategic Planning Council on information technology matters. The Committee may meet with the President and/or Provost at least once each semester as necessary to share information about faculty perspectives regarding information technology.

JUSTIFICATION OF THE MOTION:

1. The term “Informational Technology” is outdated – “Information Technology” is the standard term for this concept.

2. The University level committee that advises on technology matters is called the “Academic Technology Advisory Committee,” not the “Informational Technology Committee.”

3. A mandated meeting each semester with the Provost or President is not necessary to achieve the committee’s goals. Although this statement exists in the handbook, it has never been followed.