

Rights and Responsibilities Committee

Faculty Senate Report

August 29, 2016

Present: John Fitch (Co-Chair), Nicola Mason (Co-Chair), Norman Powell, Debbie Whalen

Absent: Weiling Zhuang
Nancy McKenney-AAUP Rep, Debora Givens-XC Rep

- 1. Fall 2016 Meetings established** and submitted to Pauletta King
Date: September 12, October 10, November 14(Library 201), December 5
Time: 1-2pm
Place: Library 204G (Nov 14, Library 201)
- 2. Chair election:** Fitch and Mason elected as co-chairs, 2016-2017
Unanimous vote (Zhuang absent)
- 3. Update on Ombud search** (Nicola Mason)
Call for faculty/staff self-nominations to serve on Ombud search was sent out to all faculty and staff by President's office, 8.22.2016 along with EKUToday notice.
- 4. Discussion:** Elections committee reviewing procedure for faculty selection/election on University Standing Committees
- 5. Report on May & June meetings with President Benson:** Fitch and Mason
- 6. Discussion:** review the role of administrative faculty members on Faculty Senate – lack of specificity regarding voting rights for administrative members. Should this be a joint inquiry with Rules Committee?
- 7. Reviewed Kentucky Open Meetings Law KRS 61.800** in light of recent closed session meetings of ECU Board of Regents.
- 8. Discussion:** Budget report (Fitch)
- 9. Discussion:** Board of Regent's response to ECU alumni email regarding journalism program. Clear need for faculty information session on when to use personal or work email (AAUP work session suggested).
- 10. Discussion:** Health care changes. Welfare committee involvement