

**Executive Committee Minutes**  
**Faculty Senate**  
**February 20, 2017**

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met on Monday, February 20, 2017 at 3:30pm in the Faculty Lounge in the Keen Johnson Building.

**PRESENT:** D. Corley, R. Day, D. Givens, G. Hunter, L. Kay, P. Kopacz, S. O'Brien, I. Slusher, T. Spigelman, J. Vice and special guests, President Michael Benson, Carolyn DuPont, Nicola Mason, Camille Skubik-Peplaski, and Vice Provost Sherry Robinson.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Senator Slusher moved approval of the January 23, 2017 minutes as written, seconded by Senator Spigelman. Motion carried.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

- **President Michael Benson – Monthly XC Update**

President Benson shared the following:

- The OVC basketball tournament next year will be held in Evansville, Indiana.
- Part of the SACS accrediting team arrived today. Some of them are visiting our branch campuses today.
- On Wednesday, ECU will take ownership of our new Cessna Skyhawk 172 aircraft in Frankfort. As was previously reported, ECU was one of five universities selected to participate in the 2017 Top Hawk Program and as a result will receive the aircraft to support flight training, recruiting efforts and promotional activities.
- The university is looking at different ways to invest in the Aviation program. Currently we lease our aircraft which means students have to pay hefty flight fees. So the university is reviewing ways to reduce costs by purchasing the aircraft instead.
- The Senate bill for performance-based funding has been fast tracked. The first hearing will be next week and it will probably go the Senate floor by mid-week next week. Based on what we're hearing, there probably won't be too many changes made to the current language in the bill. ECU's biggest concerns with the bill have to do with the weighting used for the comprehensive and the R1 institutions and the elimination of the sectors.
- At the last meeting it was announced that discussions are underway to plan renovation of the Moore Building. One option considered to generate funds for the renovation was assessing CLASS students with a building fee. After further discussions, it was determined that would not generate enough funds to proceed with the project. So a non-mandatory university-wide fee is currently being considered for the Richmond campus. No decisions have been made yet.

Senator O'Brien announced that President Benson will attend the XC meeting in March since spring break conflicts with the regularly scheduled meeting with the president.

- **Senator Skubik-Peplaski – Rules Committee [clarification](#)**

- Role of Lecturers and/or Clinical Faculty within Faculty Senate, regarding voting, voice and total departmental faculty count
- Lectureships – [Policy 4.6.10P](#)
- Clinical Faculty – [Policy 4.6.11P](#)

Senator Skubik-Peplaski asked for clarification on the language in Section 7 of the Faculty Handbook on Senate membership.

XC stated that the current process for membership should be followed for the election process this year. If the committee decides to propose a change to membership to include lecturers and/or clinical faculty, a motion should be brought forward to Senate for consideration.

- **Senator DuPont – Gun Safety on Campus** ([Gun Bills Pending in the KY General Assembly](#))
  - SB 7 (doing away with permit requirements for concealed carry)
  - HB 249 (concealed carry on campus)

Senator DuPont shared a [Guns on Campus](#) factsheet which she downloaded from the website [everytownresearch.org](#). She asked for advice on how to best disseminate the information to faculty.

After discussion, it was suggested that Senator DuPont exercise her right as a citizen to share the information with faculty by visiting campus offices to leave flyers for faculty mailboxes and/or contacting faculty from her private email address.

- **Senators Fitch & Mason – Rights and Responsibilities Clarifications**
  - ***Summer and Winter Term Faculty Teaching Stipends & Winter Term Tuition Waiver for Faculty***

Discussion and information were shared about the need for enrollment. Budget and raises are based upon current financial situation.
  - ***Parking Tag Renewal Notifications***

Senator Mason stated that better notification is needed and that several reminders should be sent to faculty and staff about parking tag renewals.
  - ***All-Faiths Calendar***

The committee is continuing to work on an all-faiths calendar for faculty and staff.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- ***Building Community with Senators – Senator Vice***

Provost Vice plans to invite Standing Committee Chairs to lunch along with others, to share information. She will send out invitations soon.
- ***Framework Committee for Ombud – Senator O'Brien***

Senator O'Brien will be sending out a poll to schedule the first meeting. Three staff and five faculty have been selected to serve on the committee.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Policy Updates** – Vice Provost Robinson
  - **Policy 4.7.4 Faculty Grievances (revision) (first read)**  
XC referred the policy back to the drafting team. The policy will return to XC for additional review later.
  - **Incomplete Grade Policy (revision) (first read)**  
The revised policy has been approved by CAA and will be presented to the Faculty Senate for first read in March. The materials will be included in the CAA report.
  - **Update on Anti Bullying Policy (FS passed May, 2016)**  
The policy is at the stage of second read to Provost Council. Ombud Beck has offered several suggestions. Once the Provost Council votes on the policy, it will come back to FS Executive Committee and then on to Senate as an informational item with changes.
- **Announcements:**
  - **Internal Procedures for Executive Committee** – Senator O'Brien  
The Internal Procedures for Executive Committee should be ready for review next month.
  - **Update on Evaluation of President Benson** – Senator O'Brien  
Chairman Turner should be scheduling a meeting soon.
- **Reports:**
  - **Academic Quality Committee - Senator Givens**  
Concerns have been shared with the committee on athletes and class attendance (Fall soccer; Spring baseball and softball). Concerns have also been raised about flipped classrooms.  
  
XC encouraged the committee to discuss concerns with Dr. Sheila Pressley, FAR representative.
  - **Budget Committee – Senator O'Brien**  
Senator Kopacz shared a document from Senator Fitch entitled “Change in Administrator/Director Salaries from 2015-2016”. The Budget Committee will discuss the document at their next meeting. At that meeting, Provost Vice will respond to the changes in dean salaries. Deans are under CUPA averages. Concerns have been raised that administrators’ and coaches’ salaries have been adjusted while faculty have not seen any increases. It was noted that as job responsibilities change, salaries often require adjustment to reflect the change in duties.
  - **Elections & University Nominations Committee - Senator Hunter**  
The committee is currently working on upcoming elections and revising their internal procedures.
  - **Faculty Club Board of Governors - Senator Kopacz**  
The committee found the original constitution in the archives and Senator Kopacz shared a [newly revised copy](#) with the XC.

- *Information Technology Committee – Senator Slusher*  
Senator Slusher asked for further clarification on the committee’s request to change the wording on two of their charges for this year.

XC agreed that the changes requested by the committee (below) are editorial and the main document listing all of the committee charges should be updated to reflect the requested changes:

**Charge 1** (continue the planned technology training for faculty).

*Action:* Change the word “continue” to “coordinate”.

**Charge 5** (Investigate the current status of support for online instruction throughout the university. Explore how faculty intellectual property is compensated by various colleges and department, inside and outside of eCampus, and provide a status report on current practices.)

*Action:* Delete the second sentence from the charge.

- *Rules Committee – Senator Kay*  
The committee will be meeting on Friday..
- *Ad Hoc Committee on Academics & Athletics– Senator O’Brien*  
Senator Carpenter and the Athletic Director are working collaboratively on the detailed report the committee asked for.
- *Transparency – Senator Givens*  
A few concerns have been raised about open meeting implementation and voting and Senator Givens is following through with additional clarification to committees to address those concerns.
- *Provost Search – Senator Corley*  
The job description has been posted and March 17<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for consideration. Visit the website at [provostsearch.eku.edu/](http://provostsearch.eku.edu/) to learn more.
- *Chair’s Report – Senator O’Brien*  
Senator O’Brien attended the town hall meeting on “Civility on campus and around the globe” on February 7<sup>th</sup>. She will also be participating in the Exit Visit for SACS on Thursday.
- *Provost Report – Senator Vice*  
Provost Vice has finished meeting with the deans and chairs to provide explanations on performance-based funding. Tanlee Wasson will provide an update to the Senate in March.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40pm.