

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

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 3:30pm in the Faculty Center 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 guest Sherry Robinson.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Senator Slusher moved approval of the February 20, 2017 minutes as written, seconded by Senator Spigelman. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- ***Policy 4.1.11 – Awarding Incomplete Grades (revision)***  
The policy was presented as a first-read to Senate in March and will return for action in April.
- ***Adding Lecturers/Clinical Faculty to those eligible to serve on Senate***  
The Rules Committee has asked for guidance on how to address the issue of whether or not to add lecturers/clinical faculty to those eligible to serve on Senate.

The XC was in agreement that while lecturers/clinical faculty should be included in the total count to determine the number of representatives for each area, they should not be elected to serve on Senate. The language in section 7 of the handbook should be changed to reflect that.

Senator O'Brien asked Senator Hunter to share the outcomes of this discussion with the Elections & University Nominations Committee.

- ***President Evaluation***  
Senator O'Brien announced that a meeting has been scheduled with Chairman Turner to discuss the evaluation on Thursday, April 6 at 3:30pm.

Senator Day presented a motion to amend the faculty handbook at Section VII, E, 1, new subsection f: to say that "*consistent with university policy on the evaluation of academic administrators and the code of ethics policy, the faculty senate executive committee will adhere to the guiding principles of the American Evaluation Association when conducting the administrative review of the president of the university.*" **Based on further discussion (listed below) Senator Day withdrew the motion.**

Provost Vice reminded that the policy on [Evaluation of Academic Administrators](#) was revised a couple of years ago which changed the review from two years and four years to every three years. Following that schedule, the president is due for an in-depth evaluation again next year.

As such, Senator Day noted that he'll get on the Board's agenda to set a date for late fall or early spring to begin the process.

Senator O'Brien will cancel the April 6 meeting with Chairman Turner.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- **Policy Updates:**

- **Policy 4.7.4 Faculty Grievances (revision)**

Vice Provost Robinson shared a revised copy of the policy which now includes the recommendations made by the XC in February. The XC was in agreement to list the policy for a first read at the April Senate meeting.

- **Policy 4.4.2 – Intellectual Property (revision)**

Vice Provost Robinson presented the revised policy for consideration. The XC was in agreement to list the policy for a first read at the April Senate meeting.

- **Discussion Items:**

- **Upcoming Total Solar Eclipse and Classes**

Senator O'Brien was approached by a faculty member who asked for the Senate to consider cancelling classes on August 21st so that interested faculty and students could travel as a group or individually to a location in Kentucky or Tennessee to experience this once in a lifetime event.

The XC was in agreement that faculty who wish to observe the total solar eclipse with their students should schedule a field trip and students who wish to participate should inform their instructors. Classes should continue as scheduled.

- **Tentative 2017-2018 Faculty Senate Schedule**

A tentative schedule of meetings for next year was shared. The schedule is still being reviewed and dates and/or meeting location may be changed depending on room availability. A finalized schedule will be shared at the April XC meeting.

- **Reports:**

- **Budget Committee – Senator O'Brien**

The committee meets next Friday. Senator Fitch met with the president before spring break and brought forth several of the proposals about the concerns on summer salaries.

- **Elections & University Nominations Committee - Senator Hunter**

The committee is on track with the university committee procedures and faculty senate elections.

- **Faculty Club Board of Governors - Senator Kopacz**

A usage policy has now been created.

The committee hopes to meet with the president soon to discuss several issues of concern.

- **Faculty Welfare - Senator Spigelman**

The committee will meet next Monday.

- **Rules Committee – Senator Kay**

The committee will meet on Friday.

Senator Kay stated that current practice on Senate does not allow administrators to vote however, the dean's representative does have a vote. So the Rules Committee asked for XC feedback on whether the dean's representative should continue to have voting privileges. XC members felt that the procedure should be the same for all administrative representatives and suggested that the committee may want to bring a motion forward to make that clarification.

Senator Vice noted that at the first fall meeting the parliamentarian always reviews meeting procedures for new senators. This might also be a good time to include a reminder on who is eligible to vote on senate actions.

- *Ad Hoc Committee on Academics & Athletics – Senator O'Brien*  
The committee continues to meet and should have a final report soon.
- *Ad Hoc Committee on Ombud Framework – Senator O'Brien*  
The committee is meeting every other Monday and Senator Zeigler will present a short report at the April Senate meeting to update on their progress.
- *Ad Hoc Committee on Transparency – Senator Givens*  
All departments except for Model have elected alternates. The list of [alternates](#) is posted on the Senate website.
- *Provost Search – Senator Corley*  
The date for consideration is March 17. The committee will meet tomorrow afternoon to review the applicants' materials. Visit the website at [provostsearch.eku.edu/](http://provostsearch.eku.edu/) for the latest information on the search process.
- *Faculty Regent Report – Senator Day*  
Senator Day reported on the status of legislation in Frankfort:
  - Performance-based funding passed and awaits the governor's signature.
  - The bill to restructure the appointment and removal of postsecondary education board members and entire boards passed and awaits the governor's signature.
  - Tuition was not capped.
  - There was no attack on tenure.
  - The bill to not require teacher certification did not pass.
  - SB1 has been revised and one of the new requirements is a review of curriculum every five to six years
- *COSFL Report – Senator Kopacz*  
COSFL will meet on April 7.
- *Provost Report – Senator Vice*  
Provost Vice shared that:
  - KDE has put out an RFP for a college readiness test. This is basically an opportunity for them to replace the ACT. However, no decisions have been made yet.
  - KDE is in the process of deciding what college readiness should be.
  - Bob King shared a proposal with the provosts on raising the college index scores. The provosts were opposed to the proposal and it's unclear whether he will present it to the Council.
  - The SACSCOC on-site team made a few recommendations which are being addressed.

## ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30pm.