

Provost's Report to Faculty Senate  
March 4, 2019

My apologies for not being able to attend the meeting today. I look forward to seeing you in April. Here are a few brief updates that I would like to call to your attention. If you have questions about any of these items, please feel free to contact me.

EKU Forward

I want to thank all of those who have participated in the two sessions to date on EKU Forward. The attendance at the first event was small, most likely due to the short notice. However, we had a great level of participation at the session on February 25. Some of the topics that came up that merit further exploration are looking at ways to increase interactions with feeder community colleges and exploring ways to improve the class over-ride procedures through using wait lists or other mechanisms that would give faculty greater input on course over-rides and result in a fairer process for students. I look forward to continuing conversations in the weeks ahead.

General Education Exploratory Group

The General Education Exploratory Group has met a couple of times since my last report. Dr. Robinson updated the General Education Committee and Dr. Robinson and I also had a very productive meeting with Dr. Garret Yoder. I appreciate the work of both the Exploratory Group and the General Education Committee as we work jointly toward improving our general education offerings.

Policy on Outside Activities

Following last month's discussion, a revised drafting team met on February 28 to clarify language in the Outside Activities policy revision. I met with the committee briefly to perhaps provide some additional information on both the intent and necessity of the policy. My understanding is that the committee had a thoughtful discussion and is in the process of putting together additional information in the policy that will, hopefully, address some of the concerns expressed at the last meeting.

P & T Review

Finally, I spent more than a fair amount of time this week reviewing faculty applications for promotion and tenure. It was so rewarding to go through all of the application materials and get a deeper understanding of the contribution and commitment that our faculty have to EKU. In what I understand to be a bit of a departure from past practices, I tried to make some modest feedback to all applicants based on the materials they put forward. This year, my comment sheet will be provided along with my letter of recommendation so that faculty may receive more immediate feedback than they would by simply incorporating this into the documentation packet.

A list of important upcoming dates is attached to this report for your information.

My thanks to all of you for your service to EKU.

Jerry

Please mark the following upcoming dates on your calendars:

- March 8** – Submission deadline for the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual University Presentation Showcase.  
(<https://encompass.eku.edu/swps/>)
- April 8-12** – Scholars Week, including  
**April 8** – Faculty Awards and Honors, 4:30-6:00 p.m., Faculty Center for Teaching & Learning  
**April 12** – 18<sup>th</sup> Annual University Presentation Showcase  
(For a full schedule and further information, visit <https://ekuscholars.eku.edu/>.)
- May 17** – Pedagogicon (<https://studio.eku.edu/2019-pedagogicon>)
- September 27** – SAVE THE DATE: Assurance of Learning Day 2019