

Executive Committee Minutes
Faculty Senate
September 28, 2020

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met remotely on Monday, September 28, 2020 at 4pm via Zoom.

PRESENT: R. Bishop-Ross, R. Causey-Upton, M. Ciocca, R. Crosby, M. Johnson, L. Jones, L. Kay, J. Marion, J. Pogatshnik, B. Woodruff, and special guests Dana Fohl, Gill Hunter, and Haley Norberg.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Senator Woodruff moved approval of the August 24, 2020 minutes as written, seconded by Senator Crosby. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

○ *Policy Updates*

Policy 4.3.7 – Dual and Joint Degree Agreements between EKU and Other Institutions.

Ms. Haley Norberg introduced the policy and Dr. Gill Hunter gave an overview and answered questions about the policy. The XC was in agreement to list the policy for first read at the October Senate meeting.

Policy 9.3.4 – Protection of Minors on Campus

Ms. Haley Norberg introduced the policy and EKU University Counsel Dana Fohl answered questions about the policy. The XC was in agreement to list the policy for first read at the October Senate meeting.

○ *Announcements*

• **Guest Speakers for October Senate Meeting**

- *Dr. Dannie Moore – VP, Strategic Initiatives and Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer*

President McFaddin suggested inviting Dr. Moore to Senate to discuss his role and some of the things he will be working on this academic year.

- *Eyouel Mekonnen – SGA Report*

Dr. Ciocca agreed to check with the new SGA president to see if he would like to provide a report at the October meeting.

REPORTS:

Standing Committees:

○ *Academic Quality Committee*

Senator Crosby will continue as the liaison between AQC and the XC.

○ *Budget Committee*

Senator Woodruff will continue as the liaison between the Budget Committee and the XC. The first meeting is scheduled for October 12 at 4pm via Zoom.

- *Elections & University Nominations Committee*
Senator Bishop-Ross volunteered to serve as liaison.
- *Faculty Welfare Committee*
Senator Woodruff will continue as the liaison between the Faculty Welfare Committee and the XC.
- *Information Technology Committee*
Senator Causey-Upton volunteered to serve as liaison.
- *Rules Committee*
Senator Kay volunteered to serve as liaison.
- *Rights & Responsibilities Committee*
Chair Ciocca volunteered to serve as liaison.
- *Ad Hoc Committee on Open Source Textbook Resources*
Chair Ciocca will continue to serve as liaison.

University Committees:

- *Compassionate Withdrawals Committee*
Senator Crosby agreed to continue to serve on the committee
- *Residency Appeals Committee*
Senator Bishop-Ross agreed to continue to serve on the committee.
- *General Education Committee*
Senator Kay volunteered to serve as the Faculty Senate representative provided a colleague in her area can assume her current position as the college representative.

Other:

- *Senate Chair's Report - Senator Ciocca:*
Chair Ciocca and Senator Bishop-Ross are serving on a work group to determine what kind of policy or guidelines should be in place to open up meetings on campus to groups related to faculty activities. The group has met but a decision for how to best proceed has not been determined at this time.

Senator Bishop-Ross noted that one of the things that came out of their initial discussion was the need to reiterate to students that they need to have their masks on, particularly in the atrium of the Science building where they often bring food from Case and sit down in the Atrium to eat.

COSFL is in the process of rebooting and a new listserv is now available. Therefore, an election will be held at the October meeting for a COSFL representative and two alternates.

President McFaddin suggested inviting Dr. Roger Cleveland to the October XC meeting (and possibly to the November Senate meeting) to discuss diversity and inclusion on our campus. Dr. Cleveland is serving in a joint position as a faculty member in the College of Education and as the new Director of Faculty Recruitment and Retention and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives.

- *Faculty Regent's Report - Senator Marion:*
The next scheduled Board meeting will be on Thursday, December 10.

There have been some general concerns received through email from faculty about what the state budget may look like.

One other faculty concern received through email was about the discontinuance of the RTP program. Some emeritus faculty have specialized skills that are still needed in the departments. Provost Pogatshnik and Haley Norberg are aware of the concerns and are reviewing possible alternatives. Provost Pogatshnik stated that he would like to have something in place by the end of the academic year.

- *Provost's Report - Senator Pogatshnik:*
The Chief Academic Officers met last Friday. ECU's notice of intent for two new programs (one in hospitality and one in instructional design) were approved to go forward for further consideration. Those can now start through the curriculum approval process and should come through CAA and the Faculty Senate soon for review. The goal is to have those submitted to CPE for formal review before December so that action can be taken before the end of the year.

In that same meeting, there was considerable discussion about the question of awarding credit for prior learning experience and how to evaluate that credit as it applies to academic programs. There are two mechanisms for doing that. One is credit by exam and the other is by a portfolio-type review which can be more problematic. We are going to be looking at this as a possible way to attract adult learners into some specific programs. However, there will need to be a rigorous review process which will involve faculty looking at experiences and trying to make a determination as to whether or not requirements are met for granting academic credit. Those conversations are in the early stages on campus.

As you know, Joan Beck is no longer the Ombud person. Now, those types of staff issues will be handled through HR. Dr. Beth Polin in the College of Business and Technology has agreed to serve as a faculty liaison to handle faculty issues. Her duties will officially begin on October 1st.

GradFest will take place in person with social distancing on October 20, 21, and 22 in the Powell building. There will not be a formal, in-person commencement ceremony this fall due to COVID, but students may still pick up their cap and gown and get registered for graduation. The times will be announced soon.

Assurance of Learning Day will be on Friday, October 2.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5pm.