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Dear Colleagues,

I regret that I am unable to join you for the May 1, 2023 meeting of the Faculty Senate. I respectfully submit this written report.

Course development support working group:

As I indicated at the last meeting, I have asked a working group to consider our current system for supporting course development and revision for face-to-face, hybrid, and fully online courses. Members were selected based on Faculty Senate recommendations. The group will be co-chaired by Ryan Baggett and Rusty Carpenter. The committee charge and membership are as follows:

Working Group Charge

The ECU Course (Re) Development Working Group will identify the existing processes in which faculty currently develop and re-develop courses (at all levels and delivery modalities). Following data collection, the working group will then conduct an analysis regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the identified processes resulting in a gap analysis where improvements could be made. Additionally, the group will identify smart practices used by other institutions of higher education in this area. Based on these findings the working group will make recommendations of high quality, cost-effective methods to support faculty when significant curricular overhauls are warranted.

Working Group Objectives

1. Identify current methods used by faculty for significant updates
2. Identify the current resources available at ECU to support significant curricular updates
3. Identify strengths and weaknesses of current curricular update methods
4. Identify strengths and weaknesses of current ECU resources that support updates
5. Identify and Analyze gaps in the current curricular methods
6. Identify and Analyze gaps in the current ECU resources in this area
7. Identify smart practices in significant curricular updates utilized by other institutions of higher education
8. Recommend quality, cost-effective methods to support faculty when significant curricular updates are warranted

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Academic Calendar Working Group Report:

My thanks to Senators Fontaine Sands and Anne Cizmar and Registrar Shannon Tipton for their outstanding work in co-chairing the Academic Calendar Working Group. I have provided their report and recommendations for your review. During the summer, I will ask chairs, deans and other constituents to review the report and develop a process for further campus input. I will provide additional updates at the initial Faculty Senate meeting in the Fall.

Faculty Compensation:

The budget build includes recommendations for both across-the-board increases and compression adjustments for faculty. If the Board approves those recommendations at its May 24 meeting, we will make compression adjustments using the same procedure as was implemented in January 2023. I have provided 2022 CUPA data to chairs, deans, and Senate leadership for their review.

Provost's End of Spring Reception:

Please save the date for the Provost's May Faculty Reception, scheduled for **Tuesday, May 9, 4:30pm**, in the Stratton Building Cafe and Patio.

This event is open to the university community and will include great refreshments.

We're looking forward to enjoying some time together at the conclusion of the Spring semester!

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