

Executive Committee Report
April 1, 2024
Lisa W. Kay, Faculty Senate Chair

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met on March 18, 2024. Following the pre-meeting with the President, the approval of the February minutes, and the Provost's report, the committee discussed the following topics: training session ideas for senators, the format of the 2024-2025 Executive Committee meetings, Faculty Senate and committee vacancies, revisions from the Rules Committee, and the faculty handbook. The committee approved the tentative guests for the April Faculty Senate meeting, and liaisons provided updates on committee work.

Regent Marion, Vice Chair Blair, and I had our most recent "Problem Solvers" meeting with the Provost on March 25th. We are scheduled to meet again on April 15th.

I met with President McFaddin on March 26th, and our next meeting is scheduled for April 9th.

Remember that the regular and organizational meetings for Faculty Senate in May will be held in the Perkins Quads.

Assistant Provost Carpenter asked us to share information with you about the Provost's Internship Program. Details can be found at the end of this report.

A Celebration of Life for Dr. Martha Mullins will be held on Saturday, April 13th, at 10:00 a.m. in the ECU Center for the Arts lobby. Dr. Mullins was a faculty member at ECU for 27 years. According to the Spring 2024 ECU Magazine, "Mullins was heavily involved in the university's process to meet the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. She served on many state and national committees that focused on opportunities available for women athletes. Mullins' career accomplishments earned her a spot in the ECU Athletics and OVC Hall of Fame." Faculty are welcome to attend the Celebration of Life. Anyone interested in attending will need to RSVP by Wednesday 4/3 to ashley.thacker@ecu.edu as there is limited seating.

I would like to invite you to join President McFaddin and me for a Faculty Lunch and Learn session at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10th. Enjoy a complimentary lunch by signing in at either of the check-in areas at Case Kitchen and take your food upstairs to the Regents Room to engage in meaningful conversation. Register at https://success.ecu.edu/register/lunchandlearn_april. The event will be capped at the first 35 submissions, as space is limited.

The updated Academic Regulation 4.7.4ACR, Faculty Grievances, has been approved:
https://policies.ecu.edu/sites/policies.ecu.edu/files/policies/faculty_grievances_2024_.pdf.

The proposed revisions to Administrative Regulation 8.3.10, Campaigning & Political Activity of Employees, have been approved:
https://policies.ecu.edu/sites/policies.ecu.edu/files/policies/8.3.10_campaigning_and_political_activity_2024.pdf.

Proposed revisions to Administrative Regulation 11.2.5, Social Media Communications, were also approved earlier this semester:
https://policies.ecu.edu/sites/policies.ecu.edu/files/policies/11.2.5_social_media_communications_2024.pdf.

The proposed Academic Curriculum Policy has been posted for a 10-day comment period, which ends on April 11th: https://policies.eku.edu/sites/policies.eku.edu/files/policies/academic_curriculum_2024_1.pdf.

I would like to encourage you to submit comments via the [Policy Development website](#). You can find more details in the email I sent to all faculty on Friday. I will add that I have been told that CAA is seeking more information regarding the potential for allowing Faculty Senate to vote on program closures, so I think that discussion is ongoing.

We continue to receive comments via the virtual suggestion box, and Vice Chair Blair and I read all of the comments and forward them as appropriate. We share all comments with Provost Zeigler and Regent Marion. Here are some topics of recent comments:

- Research standards
- Academic calendar
- Environmental noise

Faculty who are comfortable sharing thoughts via email are encouraged to email Vice Chair Blair (james.blair@eku.edu) or me (lisa.kay@eku.edu). If you do not want to put your comments in an email, you may also call or text me at 859-302-2548. I am hoping to summarize the issues from the suggestion box along with their corresponding resolutions or clarifications in the near future. I have managed to summarize some basic information about the recipients of the comments:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1F_Jmp6eviBb_R7uEj8XlrAT-0N-QdKP5dL4OcugBty8/edit?usp=sharing. (It is possible there could be some omissions or errors, but the list should be relatively accurate.)

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Vice Chair Blair (james.blair@eku.edu) or me (lisa.kay@eku.edu).

2024 Provost's Faculty Internship Program Announcement - Call for Applications

Established in 2022 by Provost Sara Zeigler, the Provost's Faculty Internship Program is designed to develop leadership skills at the university level among ECU faculty. As a complement to the annual Provost's Leadership Institute, the Provost's goal is to build exceptional leadership by supporting individual faculty development.

Faculty will participate in a range of mentoring and learning opportunities, collaborate with colleagues in the Office of the Provost and other academic and administrative offices across campus, and assume leadership roles on critical campus strategic initiatives and projects, designed in conjunction with individual interests and long-range career goals.

Learn more and apply for the 2024 cohort [here](#).

Application Process

Applications Due: April 5, 2024

2024 Cohort Announced: April 2024

2024 Welcome: May 6, 2024

Internship Program Begins (Learning Plan Design): Summer 2024