Lectureship Pilot Program

Dr. Cook presented the Board with information on a Lectureship Pilot Program that had been approved by the Council on Academic Affairs and the Faculty Senate. The purpose of the program is to test an alternative to the current system of Visiting Professors as a form of non-tenure track positions. Mr. Abney made a motion for approval that was seconded by Ms. Henson and passed by voice vote. A copy of the approved proposal is included in the Official Minutes of the Board.

Faculty-Staff Tuition Waiver

Dr. Cook explained to the Board the provisions of a proposed undergraduate level reciprocal tuition waiver program for faculty and staff at Berea College and Eastern Kentucky University. Mr. Williams made a motion for approval of the program and his motion was seconded by Dr. Scholmann. It was passed by voice vote. A copy of the approved proposal is included in the Official Minutes of the Board.

Removing the Policy of Six Grade Replacement Limit

Dr. Cook advised the Board that the University currently has a policy limiting students to repeating six classes for the purpose of grade replacement, and that both the Student Government Association and the Faculty Senate had recommended that the policy be terminated. He further noted that it was very difficult to administer. Ms. O'Brien made a motion for approval that was seconded by Ms. Henson and passed by voice vote.

Finance and Planning Committee

Amendment to the Capital Plan

Dr. Doug Whitlock presented to the Board a recommendation that the Manchester Extended Campus Center be moved from the 2006-2008 biennium of the Capital Plan to the 2004-2006 biennium, and placed in priority order just after Phase II of the Corbin Postsecondary Education Center. President Glasser had earlier reported to the Board on a meeting in Manchester with State Senator Robert Stivers, CPE President Tom Layzell and others on this matter. Mr. Abney made a motion for approval of the recommendation and it was seconded by Dr. French and passed by voice vote.
I. Approve Recommendation for Removing the Policy of Six Grade Replacements Limit

II. Issue

Removing the policy of limiting students to six (6) grade replacements in their EKU educational career.

III. Background and Process

It is Eastern Kentucky University's present policy that undergraduate students may repeat a total of six (6) college-level courses in which they earned grades of “C+”, “C”, “C-”, “D+”, “D”, “D-”, “F”, or “U” in their entire University career. Grade replacement will be applied to the first six courses a student repeats. However under the current policy, no more than six grades will be replaced in a student’s entire undergraduate career at EKU. Any grade received after a sixth repeat will be excluded from the student’s GPA calculation and cannot appear with a grade on the student’s transcript. In many instances this means that students with a need to replace more than six courses may not be eligible for licensure or certifications that require accurate transcripts. The 6 repeat rule was created in a time when students with grades of B or higher were repeating courses to get an A to raise their GPA for admissions to competitive programs—a situation that no longer exists. The current policy penalizes students who, due to life situations, youth, or even bad judgment, now are ready to pursue an academic program but are excluded from doing so. The University still has a “repeat policy” in place that will not be affected by the proposed change that requires the dean’s permission to repeat any course more than twice. The Student Government Association in February, 2003 passed an act favoring removal of the limit. The Faculty Senate concurred in May, 2003.

IV. Alternatives

Continue with the present policy.

V. President’s Recommendation

The President recommends approval.
Act Concerning Policy of Replacing Grades

WHEREAS, It is the constitutional responsibility of the Committee on Academic Affairs to advise the Student Senate on national, state, and campus academic issues; and,

WHEREAS, The Student Senate has been interested in the university policy of being limited to six (6) grade replacements during the whole of an undergraduate career; and,

WHEREAS, The university policy of limiting a student to six (6) grade replacements for the whole of an undergraduate career is arbitrary and unnecessarily unforgiving to students; be it therefore,

ENACTED, That the Student Senate moves in favor of removing the policy of six (6) grade replacements.

Sponsored By,

Lance Melching, Chairman of Academic Affairs

Presented On: Feb 4th, 2003

Approved On: Feb 11th, 2003

Approved By,

Aaron Raider, Executive Vice President

Mary Hall, President