

DATE: April 30, 2012

TO: Kelly Madole, chair
Faculty Senate

FROM: Mac McKerral, chair
Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibility Committee

RE: April Committee Report

Kelly:

The Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibility Committee forwards the following report to the Senate Executive Committee:

- The committee unanimously endorses the draft policy on faculty workload.
- The committee sends to the SEC for its consideration the attached resolution on WKU spending on academics.
- The committee recommends that the FWPRC for the 2012-2013 academic year undertake an audit of transitional retirement faculty from academic years 2006-2007 to 2011-2012 in order to assess transitional retirement impact on departmental staffing needs. And the committee recommends that the FWPRC for the 2012-2013 academic year review the faculty handbook and all other policies related to part-time faculty in order to assess consistent treatment of part-time faculty university wide in the areas of compensation, teaching load, oversight and evaluation. The committee suggests that this might be best achieved in conference with the Academic Quality Committee.

Finally, as chair of the FWPRC for the 2011-2012 academic year, I want the record to show that the work of the FWPRC in the 2011-2012 academic year has been exemplary and that it has been an honor to serve as its chair.