

Faculty Senate Executive Committee (XC) Report

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The XC met twice during the past month (10/19 and 10/26). Full minutes for the meetings will be made available on the senate website. This report focuses on key XC activities and related information.

Cardinal Core

On 10/19, the XC discussed various issues pertaining to the Cardinal Core general education program with Beth Willey, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education. Topics included current Cardinal Core initiatives (such as a digital literacy badge that remains in development) and concerns raised by some members of the XC regarding duplicative or overly similar courses competing with each other across units. Willey also shared an analysis from the Office of Academic Planning and Accountability comparing general education credit hours pre- and post-Cardinal Core ([linked here](#)). The XC will continue to encourage central administration to monitor the potential impact of Cardinal Core on individual units, including any financial impacts.

Redbook Revisions

The XC worked with the Redbook Committee and Cherie Dawson-Edwards, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, to clarify and implement a process for reviewing forthcoming revisions to the Redbook. Chapters 2 and 3 are currently under review by the Redbook Committee, who will provide periodic progress reports to the XC and the full senate.

Additional Discussion Items

Recent XC meetings have emphasized “big picture” discussions surrounding campus and senate priorities. Some highlights of these discussions include:

- Improving communication among the senate, central administration, and unit deans. The XC is interested in having deans provide occasional updates to the senate in order to strengthen communication within and across units.
- Understanding and communicating the campus strategic vision for research, particularly in connection with other priorities, such as student success and retention. The XC will meet with EVPRI Kevin Gardner in November.
- Exploring the role of faculty in advancing student success. The XC is scheduled to meet with Amy Lingo, Interim dean of CEHD, who is working on campus-wide strategies in this area.
- Engaging with the United Campus Worker of Kentucky to better understand their priorities and concerns.