

## QUESTIONS

To: Candidates in Fall 2009 Faculty Elections  
From: Elections Committee, Faculty Senate

As a candidate in the upcoming faculty elections, your response to the appropriate questions will be published in the Faculty Senate Minutes and will be available online at the election site. Please e-mail your response to the relevant questions to Dawn VanGunten (dvangunten@eiu.edu) no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2009.

**Council on Graduate Studies:** What issues do you believe the Council on Graduate Studies should address and what contributions do you hope to make?

**Council on Teacher Education:** What issues do you believe the Council on Teacher Education should address and what contributions do you hope to make?

**Council on University Planning and Budget:** What do you think should be the role of faculty in University planning and budget?

**Sanctions and Terminations Hearing Committee:** no questions

**University Personnel Committee:** The main responsibility of the UPC member is to evaluate teaching performance, research/creative accomplishments and service contributions of faculty (generally in a discipline other than his/her own) for the purpose of retention, promotion, and tenure, and to justify these decisions in a written form to the faculty. The decisions are made solely on the basis of documents provided by the faculty (i.e. student and peer evaluations and abstracts) without the benefit of observing faculty teaching ability or research potential. Please respond briefly and concisely to the following two-part question: 1. In your opinion, what characterizes a competent teacher and a competent researcher? 2. What sort of indications would you look for in faculty portfolios to establish this?