

## ABCs of EIU

**AOD:** Assignment of Duties, the workload form that indicates one's teaching assignments and credit units.

**ATAC** (say *a-tack*): Academic Technology Advisory Committee, this committee of faculty, administrators, staff, and students makes recommendations about campus technology, especially those initiatives supported by student fees.

**AWAC** (say *a-whack*): Academic Waiver Appeals Committee, this committee to which members are appointed, hears students requests for waivers that are above and beyond university policy regarding things like transfer credit and major substitutions.

**BOT:** Board of Trustees, Eastern's policy-making body.

**CAA:** Council on Academic Affairs, the highest-ranking campus curriculum committee. All new courses and program revisions eventually go through CAA. Elections are in spring.

**CAH:** College of Arts and Humanities, houses the departments of African-American Studies, Art, English, Foreign Languages, History, Journalism, Music, Philosophy, Speech Communication, and Theatre Arts.

**CAN** (say *can*): Campus Advising Network, a committee that facilitates communication among all advisors on campus.

**CASA** (say *casa*): Center for Academic Support and Achievement, takes care of assessment and testing. Also home of campus advising.

**CASL** (say *castle*): Committee for the Assessment of Student Learning, makes policy on assessment.

**CATS** (say *cats*): Center for Academic Technology Support, the office that gives faculty and staff assistance in matters related to computers and technology-

aided instructional design. This is academically oriented, as opposed to ITS.

**CBA:** Collective Bargaining Agreement, aka the faculty contract.

**CEPS:** College of Education and Professional Studies, houses departments of Counseling and Student Development, Early Childhood/Elementary/Middle Level Education, Educational Administration, Health Studies, Physical Education, Recreational Administration, Secondary Education and Foundations, Special Education, and Student Teaching.

**CFR:** Council on Faculty Research, an elected campus-wide committee that evaluates internal grant proposals. Elections are in spring.

**CGS:** Council on Graduate Studies, the campus curriculum committee that deals with programs and courses beyond the bachelor's level. Elections are in spring.

**COS:** College of Sciences, houses Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Communication Disorders and Sciences, Economics, Geology/Geography, Mathematics, Political Science, Physics, Psychology, and Sociology/Anthropology.

**COTE:** Committee on Teacher Education, a campus committee that deals with curricular matters involving programs and courses related to teacher education. Elections are in spring.

**CU**s (at other campus in Illinois, they say *cues*; we say *see-yous*): Credit units, the measurement of your teaching load. Usually a three-credit class produces three CUs. Sometimes CUs are allocated for research and service as well.

**CUPB:** Council on University Planning and Budget, a very large committee, made up of administrators, faculty, staff, and students that reviews planning and budget.

**DAC** (say *dak*): Department Application of Criteria, the specific expectations of your department by which you will be judged for retention, tenure, and promotion. You should have a copy, or ask your chair for a copy and read carefully before and during the tenure process.

**The DEN** (say *den*): The Daily Eastern News, the campus student-run newspaper.

**DPC**: Department Personnel Committee, a committee of faculty in each department that conducts the first level of personnel review.

**IBHE**: Illinois Board of Higher Education, a committee that answers to the State Legislature and that sets policy and, more importantly, makes budget recommendations for public and private universities in Illinois. Community colleges have a separate board.

**ISBE**: Illinois State Board of Education, the parallel to the IBHE, this body sets policy and makes budget recommendations for grades K-12.

**IFC**: Intrafraternity Council, the fraternities.

**IGPs**: Internal Governing Policies, the policies and regulations of the university.

**ITC**: Instructional Technology Center, Buzzard 1440, where education students and other members of the campus community can get things laminated, purchase bulletin board supplies, etc.

**ITS**: Information Technology Services, the people that help us with the technical side of computers. When you have a problem, call the Help Desk at 581-HELP.

**LCBAS**: Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences, houses the Schools of Business, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Technology and the Military Science Department.

**NCA**: North Central Association, the accrediting body for Eastern and other Illinois Universities.

**OVC**: The Ohio Valley Conference, the conference in which Eastern's athletic teams compete.

**The REC** (say *wreck*): the Student Recreation Center, adjacent to Lantz Arena. Faculty may also use these facilities for a nominal fee.

**RHA**: Residence Hall Association, a major student organization based in the residence halls.

**TAC**: Tarble Arts Center, the campus art gallery, the white building just south of Buzzard hall, between 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Streets.

**TEAM** (say *team*): Technology Enhancement and Management, an initiative to advocate collaboration and teamwork between CATS and the various academic and service unites on campus. **TEAM grants** are available for technology enhancement of classes and programs.

**TRS**: Textbook Rental Service.

**UB**: University Board, the entertainment committee of the student government.

**UPI**: University Professionals of Illinois, our union. All faculty and most academic support staff are in the bargaining units. If you do not choose to join, by law you must pay "fair share" or a major portion of the dues that members pay in order to cover legal and liability coverage.

**UPC**: University Personnel Committee, the elected faculty committee that conducts the fourth level of personnel review, after the chair and the dean.

**VPAA**: Vice President for Academic Affairs (Blair Lord).

**VPBA**: Vice President for Business Affairs (Jeff Cooley).

**VPER**: Vice President for External Relations (Jill Nilsen).

**VPSA**: Vice President for Student Affairs (Dan Nadler).