

MINUTES
OF THE ACADEMICS COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

September 5, 1996

AGENDA ITEM 1 - Call to Order

Required statutory notice having been given, the Academics Committee of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University was called to order in the Regents Conference Room of the Wetherby Administration Building on the Western campus by Chairman Mudge at 9:30 a.m., CDT.

AGENDA ITEM 2 - Roll Call

Committee members in attendance were Ms. Gramling, Dr. Mendel, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Mudge. Ms. Bale was absent.

AGENDA ITEM 3 - Recommendation for approval of Western's Institute for Living and Learning

Background:

The Institute is an acknowledged chapter of the Elderhostel Network[®] as are the Harvard Institute for Learning in Retirement, the Northwestern University Institute for Learning in Retirement, Boston College's BC Alumni Association Institute for Learning in Retirement, the Elder Learning Institute at the University of Minnesota, the Duke Institute for Learning in Retirement and a hundred and eight six other chapters in the United States, Bermuda, and Canada.

The purpose of the Institute is to offer persons of retirement age eight hour courses which will be of interest and/or benefit to seniors. Courses are presented in investment, computer literacy, history, literature, antiques, birds, language, public relations, art, political science, geology, photography, writing,

archeology and bridge.

Budget Implications:

Principle sources of income for the Institute are membership dues, class tuition and a grant from the Senior Friends, Greenview Hospital chapter. These revenues are used for the rental of Space from Western Kentucky University, and mailing costs. The Institute cooperates with the Department of Continuing Education which provides the secretarial support for the Institute at no additional costs to Western Kentucky University.

Dr. Barbara Burch, Vice President for Academic Affairs, reported that this institute was established to advance services to senior citizens and is connected with the Elder Hostel Program. There is no cost to the University; it's offered collaboratively through Extended Education, and the primary function is to offer eight-hour courses and eight-hour experiences that would be of interest to retirees and for people who like to keep growing.

Motion of acceptance of the recommendation was made by Dr. Mendel, seconded by Ms. Miller and carried unanimously.