MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REGENTS WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY May 31, 1975

A special meeting of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University was held on Saturday, May 31, 1975, at 2 p.m., CDT, in the Regents Conference Room, Wetherby Administration Building, on the Western campus. Mr. Albert G. Ross, Chairman, presided.

The meeting opened with a prayer of invocation by Dr. Paul B. Cook, Assistant to the President.

Mr. John David Cole, an attorney from Bowling Green, having been appointed by Governor Julian M. Carroll, and Mr. Stephen L. Henry, a senior from Owensboro and recently elected president of Associated Student Government for the 1975-76 school year, qualified as members of the Board of Regents for terms of four years and one year, respectively, by taking the Constitutional Oath, which was administered by Miss Georgia Bates, Notary Public for the State of Kentucky and secretary to the Board. Messrs. Cole and Henry were welcomed to membership on the Board.

The following members were present:

Dr. William G. Buckman

Mr. Ronald W. Clark

Mr. John David Cole

Dr. W. Gerald Edds

Dr. Chalmer P. Embry

Mr. Stephen L. Henry

Dr. W. R. McCormack

Mr. John L. Ramsey

Mr. Albert G. Ross

Absent was Mr. Hugh Poland.

Also present, in addition to Dr. Cook and Miss Bates, were Dr. Dero G. Downing, President; Dr. Raymond L. Cravens, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculties; Dr. John D. Minton, Vice President for Administrative Affairs; Mr. Harry K. Largen, Vice President for Business Affairs and Treasurer; Mr. Rhea Lazarus, Staff Assistant, Office of the President; Mr. William E. Bivin, University Attorney; and Mr. Dee Gibson, Jr., Director of Public Affairs and Community Relations.

The reorganization of the Board followed. Dr. McCormack moved the reelection of Dr. Edds and Miss Bates as Vice Chairman and Secretary, respectively, and the reappointment of Mr. Largen as Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Dr. Buckman; and

there being no further nominations, it carried unanimously.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on April 26, 1975, were presented by the Chairman. Dr. Buckman stated that the recording of his motion under other business (page 22 of the minutes) pertaining to the two-weeks advance receipt of materials to be considered by the Board did not properly reflect the intent of the motion and explained his reason therefor. Mr. Ramsey also questioned the use of the word <u>unanimous</u> and suggested substitution of the word <u>majority</u>. Following discussion, Mr. Ramsey moved adoption of the minutes subject to the amendment to said motion as reflected by the following underlines: "Dr. Buckman moved that the Board, except by <u>majority</u> consent, not consider matters that have not been sent <u>by the administration</u> to the members of the Board at least two weeks in advance of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Edds and unanimously carried.

Before presenting the next item on the agenda, Chairman Ross reminded the Board that information pertaining to all matters on the agenda with the exception of the two resolutions of appreciation to immediate past members had been mailed by the President to all members on May 15, 1975.

The following proposals from the Academic Council, which had been endorsed by the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculties and recommended by him to the President, were recommended by the President to the Board. Dr. Cravens elaborated upon items in the report, which follows:

1. Baccalaureate Program Proposals:

- A. <u>Proposed Major in Geophysics</u>. Recent trends in employment opportunities indicate a rapid expansion of opportunities in the geophysics area. The need for trained personnel in this area is especially related to the energy needs and natural resources utilization. Through the organization of various existing courses and the addition of one new course, a major in geophysics can be offered. The implementation of this new major will not require any additional staff or new facilities.
- B. Proposed Major in Hydrology. The Department of Geography and Geology has increasingly realized the need for expansion of curricular opportunities in the study of water. With the University's emphasis on environmental programs, it is appropriate to propose this new program in the science of water. The program conforms to federal job description guidelines and is comparative to hydrology programs at other universities. The major will consist of a number of existing courses and several new courses which have recently been approved. The program will utilize the resources of other disciplines as appropriate, especially the Department of Engineering Technology. A specialist in hydrology was employed last year to begin the development of this new curriculum.

- C. Proposed Emphasis in City and Regional Planning. Under the University's Undergraduate Administrative Services Program, a number of curricular options have been available and the Department of Geography and Geology has participated in this program in several of these areas. In response to requests from local and statewide area development districts, a new area of emphasis is proposed specificially for city and regional planning. Continuing governmental and public concern about the orderly development of cities and communities makes the need for trained personnel in this area extremely important. This option in city and regional planning has been offered for several years at the graduate level under the Masters of Public Service Degree Program. The proposed program at the baccalaureate level can be offered within existing resources.
- D. <u>Proposed Program for an Area of Concentration in Allied Health Education</u>. The proposed program would utilize courses currently offered in a framework which would qualify already credentialed health practitioners to obtain professional education certificates as allied health teachers. This program organization is utilizing existing resources to qualify as a certifiable program.

II. Associate Degree Proposal:

A. <u>Proposed Associate of Science Degree in Meteorological Technology.</u>
The Department of Geography and Geology proposes this new two-year program to prepare students for entry level positions with the National Weather Service, the Federal Aviation Administration and similar agencies. The proposed program is based upon job skills required by these federal agencies and would provide a unique educational program. The program includes two recently approved courses and can be offered within existing resources through utilization of courses provided by numerous disciplines.

In the discussion which followed, Dr. Edds made inquiry regarding the establishment of schools of optometry and for the training of morticians, stating that such needs exist and could possibly be accomplished without substantially large expenditures. After an explanation that the needs in the field of optometry are currently being studied at the state level as a part of the total health program, President Downing stated that it would be timely to review and update previous findings of the University on the matter and at the appropriate time provide the Board with information as to how this study relates to the one at the state level.

After further discussion and upon the recommendation of the President, Mr.

Cole moved approval of the five proposals from the Academic Council. The motion was seconded by Dr. Embry and carried unanimously.

Before proceeding with the next item on the agenda, Dr. Buckman moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Dr. Edds and unanimously carried. In initiating the discussion by expressing his feeling for the need of an academic due process, Dr. Buckman presented the cases of two faculty members who felt they had not been treated fairly by the University, especially in not having been provided with specific reasons for the actions taken against them. (At this point in the meeting, the vice presidents and the University Attorney were asked to

join the Board.) The first case concerned Dr. Raul Padilla, a member of the Department of Foreign Languages since August, 1971. Dr. Buckman reviewed the series of events over the past several months involving Dr. Padilla's evaluation by his department head which culminated in his having been advised by the administration of his reappointment for the 1975-76 school year only without tenure being granted. Dr. Buckman also produced responses to a questionnaire sent by him to students of Dr. Padilla's which rated him high as to competency in his field. The second case concerned Dr. George Dillingham, a member of the Department of Secondary Education since February, 1969, who had also been advised by the administration of his reappointment for the 1975-76 school year only without tenure being granted. Dr. Buckman made reference to his "many contacts within the college and across the campus" and produced a couple of letters from Owensboro, one of which was signed by several persons, and one from a professor in the College of Education who desired that his name be withheld unless necessary -- all in support of Dr. Dillingham. In stating that he had had about thirty faculty compliants on which he had spent many time-consuming hours which should not be his role as faculty regent and while recognizing that administrative decisions have to be made, Dr. Buckman said that he had this responsibility to the faculty as its representative on the Board until such time as Western establishes an academic due process.

In the lengthy discussion which followed, Vice President Cravens reiterated his support of the recommendations of the department heads and the college deans regarding both Dr. Padilla and Dr. Dillingham. He told of having met with Dr. Padilla after Dr. Padilla had been advised by the department head that he was not being recommended for reappointment or for tenure. At that time Dr. Padilla stated that an appointment for an additional year would give him sufficient time to seek another position. His request was subsequently recommended to the President and approved. Dr. Dillingham was described as an exceedingly nice person with many desirable qualities, but the decline in enrollment in the department and the lack of a suitable vacancy to which he could transfer within the college were cited as reasons for the decisions affecting Dr. Dillingham. During the discussion, both President Downing and Dr. Cravens stated that it was their opinion that Dr. Padilla and Dr. Dillingham had been evaluated in a professional manner and that the current faculty status of each of them had been based on the recommendations of their respective department heads and deans in accordance with the procedures and personnel policies approved and adopted by the Board of Regents. Dr. Edds proposed that the

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probationary letters for Dr. Padilla and Dr. Dillingham be withdrawn and at the appropriate time the pros and cons be discussed regarding both men as to tenure. Attorney Bivin stated that in his opinion the provisions of the open meetings law prohibit the taking of any final action on this matter during a closed session. He also expressed his opinion that the Board could not come to an agreement or to a consensus as to what action it will take. President Downing went on to explain that inasmuch as both persons have been employed for the coming school year, their cases would be thoroughly reviewed and analyzed before the opening of the 1975 fall semester. He continued by stating that inasmuch as the Board of Regents may ultimately be required to sit in review by hearing an appeal of a personnel decision that could possibly be contested by an individual employee of the University, an individual member of the Board could well jeopardize any contribution he might make in that capacity if he had previously engaged in ad hoc review procedures. There being no further discussion, the regular meeting was resumed.

Personnel changes subsequent to the meeting of the Board on April 26, 1975, were presented by the Chairman. Upon the President's recommendation, a motion for approval of the changes was made by Dr. Buckman and seconded by Mr. Clark. The list follows:

NEW FACULTY

Name	Salary	Effective Date and Remarks
Bowling Green College of Business and Public Affairs		
Economics: Mr. Stephen B. Jarrell	\$12,400	8/16/75; Instructor; Assistant Professor upon receipt of doctoral degree, with salary of \$13,000; replaces Dr. Paul Ruckman
Potter College of Arts and Humanities		
Speech and Theatre: Dr. Loren K. Ruff	14,500	8/16/75; Assistant Professor; replaces Dr. O. J. Wilson

FACULTY REAPPOINTMENT

College of Applied Arts and Health

Nursing:

Mrs. Jane Zemp Dunn

5,292

1975-76 school year; reappoint on parttime basis as Associate Instructor

FACULTY REASSIGNMENT

Academic Services

Library Services:

Mrs. Bette Joe McGown

7,332

8/16/75; reassign from 12-months basis to 9-months basis; change from full time to one-half time for period 6/1-8/15/75

SUMMER SCHOOL FACULTY

Name	Salary	Effective Date and Remarks		
Potter College of Arts and Humanities				
English:				
Mr. John E. Heins	\$ 2,050	6/23-8/1/75; teach English as a second language		
NEW SECRETAR	IAL AND CLE	CRICAL STAFF		
College of Education				
Mrs. Jean C. Wirth	6,120	5/16/75; principal secretary in Office of Dean of the Col- lege of Education; replaces Mrs. Diana Moody; \$6,648 effective 8/16/75		
Academic Services				
Kentucky Library:				
Mrs. Judith K. King	4,680	6/23/75; clerical assistant; replaces Mrs. Mary Emma Harris		
Library Services:				
Miss Patricia L. King	4,680	5/ 1/75; clerical assistant; replaces Mrs. Patsy Pitchford		
Miss Marcia Jean Molen	4,680	5/12/75; General Clerk II; re-		
Mrs. Deborah E. Smith	4,680	places Mrs. Jackie Edwards 5/19/75; administrative secretary; replaces Mrs. Deborah R. Smith		
Mrs. Susan Railey Williams	4,680	5/12/75; clerical assistant; replaces Mrs. Jane Spalding		
Academic Affairs				
Office of the Registrar:		•		
Mrs. Janet S. Bowles	4,800	5/12/75; transcript clerk; re-		
Mrs. Kathy Jill Broderson	4,920	places Miss Patricia Alexander 5/12/75; transcript clerk; re-		
Miss Marcia Ann Dunn	4,800	places Mrs. Lascenna McIntire 5/19/75; General Clerk II; re- places Miss Bernice Wilder		
Business Affairs				
College Heights Bookstore:				
Mrs. Dorothy Graves	3,900	8/1/75; general clerk; 9-months basis; replaces Mrs. Zuma		
Miss Glenna S. Harris	5,208	Woosley 8/1/75; general clerk; replaces Mrs. Ilona Stevenson		
STAFF REASSIGNME	NTS AND/OR	PROMOTIONS		

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College of Education

Center for Career and Vocational Teacher Education:		,
Miss Patricia A. Alexander	5,100	6/1/75; promote from General Clerk II in Office of Registrar to position of administrative secretary; replaces Mrs. Tracy Dvorak

STAFF REASSIGNMENTS AND/OR PROMOTIONS (continued)

Name
Salary
Effective Date and Remarks
Ogden College of Science and
Technology

Engineering Technology:
Mrs. Barbara M. Merritt

no change

5/5/75; transfer from Office of Vice President for Academic Affairs to position of administrative secretary

Business Affairs

College Heights Bookstore: Mrs. Shirley Jones

\$ 4,500

8/16/75; status as general clerk change from 12-months basis to 10-months basis

Physical Plant and Facilities Management:

Mrs. Pamela J. Wells

6,000

5/1/75; promote from position of General Clerk II to position of Principal Secretary; \$6,468 effective 8/16/75

ADDITIONAL FACULTY COMPLETING FIVE-YEAR
PROBATIONARY PERIOD AND RECOMMENDED FOR TENURE
STARTING WITH THE APPOINTMENT FOR 1975-76 SCHOOL YEAR
(presented to Board on October 26, 1974 as extension
of contract without tenure)

Bowling Green College of Business and Public Affairs

Dr. Georg Bluhm

Department of Government

Potter College of Arts and Humanities

Miss Wanella Huddleston Mrs. Edna Laman Mrs. Mary Ellen Miller Mr. Walker Rutledge

Department of English Department of English Department of English Department of English

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

College of Applied Arts and Health

Nursing:

Mrs. Kay Carr

1975-76 school year; continue work toward M.S. degree in Nursing at Vanderbilt University

Academic Services

Library Services:
Mrs. Lenore Alden

5/15-8/15/75; medical leave of absence

RETIREMENTS

Name

Effective Date and Remarks

Potter College of Arts and Humanities

English and Center for Intercultural Folk Studies:

Dr. Mary W. Clarke

6/30/75

ONE-YEAR APPOINTMENT NOT RENEWED

College of Applied Arts and Health

Home Economics and Family Living:

Miss Vicki Wright

6/15/75; appointed for 1974-75

school year only

FACULTY RESIGNATIONS

Bowling Green College of Business and

Public Affairs

Economics:
Mr. Ronald E. Kramer

8/15/75

College of Education

Psychology:

Miss Dulcie Stevenson

8/2/75

Ogden College of Science and Technology

Physics and Astronomy:

Dr. Anthony S. Wawrukiewicz

8/15/75

STAFF RESIGNATIONS

College of Education

Center for Career and Vocational Teacher

Education:

Mrs. Tracy Dvorak Mrs. Linda Thiel 5/22/75; secretary

5/ 9/75; secretary

Academic Services

Library Services:

Mrs. Jacqueline Edwards Mrs. Patsy Pitchford

5/21/75; secretary

4/23/75; clerical assistant

Mrs. Deborah R. Smith

6/13/75; administrative secretary

Mrs. Janie Spalding 4/30/75; clerical assistant

Kentucky Library:

Mrs. Mary Emma Harris

8/1/75; clerical assistant

Academic Affairs

Office of the Registrar:

Mrs. Lynna Kay Stinson Miss Bernice G. Wilder

5/30/75; administrative secretary

5/30/75; transcript clerk

Business Affairs

College Heights Bookstore

Mrs. Hona B. Stevenson 5/30/75; General Clerk I

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STAFF RESIGNATIONS (continued)

Name

Effective Date and Remarks

Public Safety

Mrs. Phyllis J. Martens

4/30/75; administrative secretary

FACULTY PROMOTIONS

Ogden College of Science and Technology

Engineering Technology:

Mr. Boyce Tate

Academic Affairs

Promote from Acting Head to Head of Dept. of Engineering Technology

University Publications:

Mr. David Whitaker

Promote to Coordinator of Journalism and Photography

Following discussion and upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Aye: Clark, Cole, Edds, Embry, Henry, McCormack, Ramsey, Ross

Nay: None

Abstaining: Buckman

The President's memorandum of May 15 on university housing and residence hall living and recommendation therein relative to the supervised open house program for the 1975-76 school year was presented for the consideration of the Board. The comprehensive report, which covered most aspects of campus housing for students, gave evidence of significant progress during the 1974-75 school year not only in increased occupancy but in the development of a well-rounded program in the social, cultural, and academic areas. The implementation and supervision of the expanded open house policy, which was initiated at the beginning of the year, was thoroughly explained and described. It was noted that violations in connection with the policy had been minor with only one incident involving two students having resulted in disciplinary probation. Dr. Downing commented on a suggestion made earlier to him by Regent Poland that had been discussed by Mr. Poland on an earlier occasion with Chairman Ross, as well as other members of the Board. He proposed the inclusion of this suggestion as a revision in the procedures to be followed in the assignment of students to campus housing, providing for each student applying for residence hall living to be given a room assignment based on the student's choice to participate or not to participate in the supervised open house program.

Upon the President's recommendation, Mr. Ramsey moved that the supervised open house program as has been in operation during the past year be continued for the

1975-76 school year and that each student applying for residence hall living be provided room assignment based on choice of option to participate or not to participate in the open house program, with appropriate space being designated in various residence halls for students who exercise the option of non-participation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clark.

In the lengthy discussion which followed, opinions were expressed ranging from (1) the impossibility to properly supervise the program, (2) the need to set aside specific dormitories for visitation and non-visitation based upon a survey of the parents of on-campus students, and (3) the success of the program as administered during the 1974-75 school year.

Dr. Edds then moved that the original motion be amended to express the desire of the Board of Regents that separate dormitory facilities be made available to those students who elect not to live in a dormitory which will participate in the open house program, as practical; further, that the decision as to whether or not a student 18 years of age or older participates be made by the individual student and that the form go on to provide a place wherein by appropriate language the parents and/or guardian of that student may express their opinion as to whether or not they want their child or student to participate in the open house student housing program or to live in a closed dormitory and that this information at some convenient time be reported to the Board of Regents. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cole and carried unanimously.

Mr. Ramsey then moved adoption of the original motion with amendment.

The motion was seconded by Dr. McCormack and carried unanimously.

With the Board's having had the opportunity to review the few changes proposed in the section entitled "Student Life Policies" for the 1975-76 edition of the student handbook, Hill Topics, Dr. Buckman moved for approval of the changes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Edds. In the discussion it was noted that the changes, while not substantive, were for the purpose of updating and clarifying existing policies. There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Additional budget allocations for the 1974-75 fiscal year which were not anticipated at the time the budget was prepared and adopted by the Board of Regents on July 19, 1974, were reported in the amount of \$678,834. In the breakdown as to source and purpose, the Governor's supplemental allocations from state surplus funds totaling \$489,217

were designated as follows: (1) \$27,330 to offset the effects of the Federal minimum wage which was increased on May 1, 1974, for both students and regular employees; (2) \$235,280 for increased costs of coal, natural gas, electricity, and water and sewer charges; and (3) \$226,607 for support of the Owensboro Higher Education Consortium, with \$136,466 being granted to Western in support of the extended campus program in Owensboro and the balance of \$90,141 for general Consortium expenses. The additional allocation of \$189,617 from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare for the funding of the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant Program was reported as an unanticipated increase over the budget estimate of \$325,000.

Upon the President's recommendation, Mr. Clark moved that the 1974-75

Operating Budget be amended to reflect the supplemental allocations outlined above in the amount of \$678,834. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henry. Following discussion, the roll call vote was as follows:

Aye: Buckman, Clark, Cole, Edds, Embry, Henry, McCormack, Ramsey, Ross

Nay: None

In a report to the Board on the preparation of the 1976-78 Biennial Budget Request, President Downing reviewed the procedures that are followed by the Council on Public Higher Education in the development and adoption of the Budget Format, or formula, which serves as the basis for the preparation of the Biennial Budget Requests by the eight public colleges and universities. In soliciting authorization to proceed with the preparation and development of this document in accordance with the Budget Format, which provides for the requesting of funds for capital construction projects, the President also requested authorization to include for consideration the following top-priority projects, all of which were explained as to need and function: (1) Agricultural Exposition Center and Related Facilities, (2) Renovation and Expansion of Kentucky Building, (3) Pedestrian Overpass, (4) Renovation and Reconstruction of Snell Hall, and (5) Outdoor Facilities for Recreation and Instruction.

Dr. Buckman moved that the President, working with other University officials, be authorized to proceed with the development of the 1976-78 Biennial Budget Request, which would include the five capital construction projects as recommended by him. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clark; and after discussion, the vote was as follows:

Aye: Buckman, Clark, Cole, Edds, Embry, Henry, McCormack, Ramsey, Ross

Nay: None

Preliminary to the announcement of the generous manner in which Mr. Charles R. Bell of the Browning community in Warren County had manifested his continuing interest in and support of Western throughout the years, Dr. Downing reported on explorations and accomplishments over the past several months by members of the Department of Physics and Astronomy faculty and others within the Ogden College of Science and Technology toward the development of an astronomical laboratory. In explaining that hill-top site acreage located southwest of the campus near the Petros-Browning Road was suited ideally for this particular installation, he stated that Mr. Bell had deeded approximately 3.5 acres of such land to the University for that purpose and requested that the Board go on record as officially accepting the deed. He noted that the acreage is adjacent to that on which Western has operated a radio observatory for about six years.

In the discussion which followed, justification for the project and the source of financing the initial installation at a cost of approximately \$46,500 were explained. With its undergraduate astronomy education program being recognized as one of the best in the entire region, Western's preeminence in the field was foreseen as the result of the proposed new facility.

Mr. Clark moved for acceptance of the deed for approximately 3.5 acres of land contributed to the University by Mr. Charles R. Bell for the purpose above described. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henry and carried unanimously.

The Board heard a progress report on various capital construction projects currently underway on the campus, continued development of the Master Campus Plan, and a recommendation pertaining to the former Music Building. Projects reviewed were (1) Industrial Education and Technology Building, (2) conversion of Florence Schneider Hall into a Continuing Education Center, (3) University farm master plan, (4) Environmental Sciences and Technology Building Greenhouse, and (5) fire safety projects. In stating that studies and discussions with appropriate persons, including the local architect, indicate that the former Music Building cannot be used effectively and efficiently in its present state and that renovation should not be considered because of its age, condition, and cost per square foot to restore, President Downing recommended that the building be razed. He stated that such action was in keeping with the Master Campus Plan and had the support of architects with the State Division of Engineering. In the

discussion which followed and in response to an inquiry as to the possible use of the building for a campus grocery store, it was explained that the limited pedestrian traffic in the area and the inaccessibility to vehicular traffic made such an operation impractical.

Mr. Clark moved for acceptance of the report on capital construction projects and approval of the recommendation for the razing of the former Music Building. The motion was seconded by Dr. McCormack and carried unanimously.

After discussion and in compliance with House Bill 100, Mr. Clark moved adoption of the following schedules for regular meetings of the Board of Regents for the coming fiscal year:

Saturday, July 26, 1975 Saturday, October 25 Saturday, January 31, 1976 Saturday, April 24

Seconded by Dr. Buckman, the motion carried unanimously.

The following resolutions relative to the contributions of two immediate past members of the Board were presented:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, W. S. Moss, Jr., of Horse Cave, Kentucky, has served as a member of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University from April 21, 1971, to April 29, 1975; and

WHEREAS, during this period he made an invaluable and lasting contribution to the welfare and progress of the University; and

WHEREAS, such dedicated service merits special recognition:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University in a meeting on May 31, 1975, does hereby offer this Resolution as an expression of appreciation to Mr. Moss for his four years of distinguished and meritorious service and as an expression of Western's best wishes to him for all of life's richest blessings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes and that a copy thereof be presented to Mr. Moss as a token of appreciation for his outstanding contribution to Western Kentucky University and of the high esteem in which he is held by the members of this Board.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Gregory L. McKinney served as the student member of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University for the 1974-75 school year; and

WHEREAS, his term of office was characterized by able representation, faithful service, and dedication to his responsibility; and

WHEREAS, such service and dedication are deserving of a fitting tribute:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University in a meeting on May 31, 1975, does hereby express appreciation to Mr. McKinney for his significant contribution and extends best personal wishes for his continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of the Board of Regents and that a copy thereof be presented to Mr. McKinney as further testimony of the appreciation and esteem in which he is held by members of this Board.

Mr. Cole moved adoption of the Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Dr. Embry and carried unanimously.

Under other business and in a couple of statements, the first of which was directed to the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Buckman (1) stated that inasmuch as he had failed to follow through in his observation of the open house program, after having visited only one residence hall during the year, he did not have any specific information on which to base an appraisal relative to the implementation of said program; and (2) expressed appreciation for the interest and support of the Board as reflected in the manner in which it operates and for the contribution made by the two new members in their initial meeting.

The final item of business was introduced by President Downing and concerned the proposed execution of an insurance policy that would enable the University to provide not only members of the Board of Regents but every employee of the institution with a degree of liability coverage. In stating that the Kentucky Revised Statutes do not make provision for the spending of state funds for this purpose, he gave indication that Dr. Kelly Thompson, President, and the Board of Directors of the College Heights Foundation would give consideration to making such protection possible as a special project for the Foundation provided the Board of Regents authorized such planning. After discussion in which comments were expressed relative to the importance of individual liability insurance, Dr. McCormack moved that the President of Western be authorized to proceed in the planning as outlined by him. The motion was seconded by Dr. Buckman and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF SECRETARY

I certify that the minutes herein above set forth an accurate record of votes and actions taken by the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University in its meeting held on May 31, 1975, in the Regents Conference Room of the Wetherby Administration Building on the Western campus and further certify that the meeting was held in compliance with Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 of House Bill 100 enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky at its 1974 Regular Session.

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