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April 1, 1966

Mr. Reed Morgan, Chairman
Mr. John C. Lovett, Vice Chairman
All Committee Members
Western Kentucky State College
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Dear Reed and John and Co-workers:

I was highly pleased when you visited my office Wednesday afternoon and presented me with a completed proposal entitled, "Associated Students of Western Kentucky University."

When Western asked you to undertake this task, it was with the realization that yours would be a long and laborious work. We are grateful that you were willing to undertake it and that you have remained steadfast throughout the many past months in bringing the plan to fruition.

One of my first acts after I became President was to appoint a Student Advisory Council made up of the various presidents of classes and clubs across the campus. This Student Advisory Council made many fine and lasting contributions, and I shall always be grateful for their help and cooperation. With the passage of time, however, and the spectacular growth of Western, Dean Charles Keown and I both realized that the Council was inadequate for the many tasks which it was asked to perform.

Four years ago I asked the Council to bring in a proposal for a more comprehensive form of student representation. A genuine effort was made by the students, but for some reason or another the task was not completed. Two years ago a smaller group undertook the assignment but in the rush of things was unable to complete the job. Last year also failed to produce a finished plan.

The knowledge of past efforts on the part of our students to hammer out a plan truly representative of all facets of the student body, together with my knowledge of how diligently you have worked on this matter, gives me full measure of appreciation of your accomplishment.

I want to express the appreciation on behalf of all Western to everyone who has contributed to the excellent document which you have presented

to the College. In my judgment, it provides us with a truly excellent plan for having all students of this institution as active participants in the governing processes of Western.

It is hereby approved.

I am asking the same student group, with the same chairman and vice chairman, which created the plan to serve as an ad hoc committee to provide the leadership to place it into operation.

I am requesting Mr. Charles Keown, Dean of Students, to set up a meeting of the group for the purpose of providing ways and means of putting it into effect at the earliest possible date.

Thank you again for a job exceedingly well done.

Sincerely yours,

Kelly Thompson
President

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cc: Dean Charles A. Keown