

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
BOARD OF REGENTS
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
January 29, 1977

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University was held on Saturday, January 29, 1977, at 1:00 p.m., CST, in the Regents Conference Room of the Wetherby Administration Building on the Western campus. Chairman John David Cole, who called the meeting, presided.

All members were present; namely,

Dr. William G. Buckman
Mr. John David Cole
Mr. Hugh Poland
Mr. John L. Ramsey

Upon the invitation of the Chairman, other members of the Board with the exception of Mr. Ronald G. Sheffer attended the meeting and participated in the discussions. Also present were Dr. Dero G. Downing, President, and Miss Georgia Bates, Secretary to the Board.

After stating that the primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss matters of personnel employment and relations which might reflect upon the reputation of individual persons, and in accordance with the Bylaws and the provisions of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, Mr. Cole entertained a motion for the full group to go into closed session. Such motion was made by Mr. Poland, seconded by Dr. Buckman, and carried unanimously.

Because of the nature of the matter to be discussed and with the concurrence of the Chairman, President Downing absented himself from the closed session.

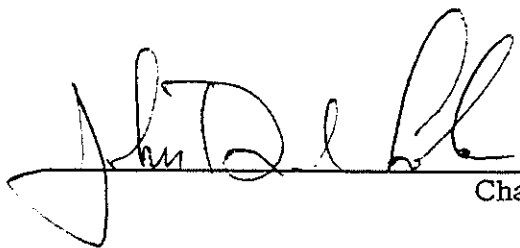
Upon returning to the open meeting, Chairman Cole stated that no matter was discussed in the closed session other than had been previously announced and that no action had been taken. Thereupon, Mr. Poland moved that Dr. Downing be re-elected President of Western Kentucky University for another four-year term. It was noted that the expiration of his current term is September 12. (Secretary's note: Dr. Downing was first elected President of Western on August 22, 1969, effective beginning September 12, 1969.) The motion was seconded by Mr. Ramsey. In the discussion which followed, Dr. Buckman stated he felt that it was important for the Board "to take deliberate-type action and have plenty of time to consider the alternatives before

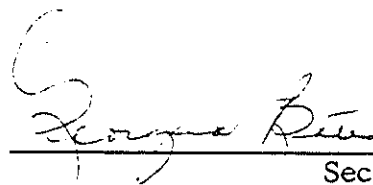
making a decision of this nature." There being no further comments, a vote was taken on the motion whereupon it passed. Dr. Buckman told the secretary in writing on March 8 that he abstained on the motion.

In expressing his great interest in and support of Western athletics and of his desire, both as an individual and as a member of the Board, to help the program, Mr. Cole spoke of the seemingly bonafide concern relative to basketball scheduling. He cited the scheduling of certain opponents for home games which in his opinion was not conducive to recruiting efforts. On behalf of the Executive Committee and in order for the Board to be more supportive, the Chairman called upon the President to share information concerning the 1976 home basketball schedule, particularly the efforts that were made to attract larger schools. In responding, President Downing stated that he was aware both of the efforts to bring about an attractive, appealing schedule and of some resulting success. Vanderbilt University was noted as an example of unsuccessful efforts. He added that he would provide a comprehensive report on the subject and would solicit suggestions from the Board as to how scheduling efforts might be improved.

In other business, the Chairman requested that the Disciplinary Appeals Committee be provided with information as to the administrative policy regarding the relationship of Western's Department of Public Safety (police officers) to the city and county prosecutors, specifically, as it pertains to a student who is exposed to both campus and off-campus jurisdiction. He expressed the hope that the Disciplinary Appeals Committee would take leadership in attempting to bring about a procedure which would give the maximum of protection to the student relative to any criminal charge that might be placed on his/her record.

There being no further business, on motion made and duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:10 p. m.


Chairman


Secretary