

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

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Required statutory notice having been timely and properly given, a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University was held on Wednesday, February 20, 1985, at 1 p.m., CST, in the Regents Conference Room of the Wetherby Administration Building on the Western campus. Mr. Joe Iracane, Chairman, presided.

All members were present, namely:

Mr. Ronald W. Clark
Mr. Joseph Cook
Mr. Joseph Iracane
Mrs. Mary Ellen Miller

Also present were Dr. Donald W. Zacharias, President; Dr. Robert V. Haynes, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Mr. Harry Largen, Vice President for Business Affairs and Treasurer; Dr. John D. Minton, Vice President for Student Affairs; Mrs. Liz Esters, Secretary to the President and Board of Regents; Dr. Paul Cook, Assistant to the President for Resources Management and Director of the Budget; and Mr. Fred Hensley, Director of Public Information.

Chairman Iracane announced that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the following recommendation concerning incentive grants.

RECOMMENDATION:

President Zacharias recommends that effective with the 1985 fall semester Western will provide incentive grants for students enrolling from specified counties in Indiana and Tennessee.

- 1.0 Students who are residents of the following counties may qualify for the grant:

Tennessee

Clay
Cheatham
Davidson
Macon
Robertson
Sumner
Trousdale
Williamson
Wilson

Indiana

Perry
Posey
Spencer
Vanderburgh
Warrick

- 2.0 Undergraduate students must meet the following requirements to qualify for an academic-year incentive grant:

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- 2.1 Beginning freshmen — ACT composite score of 20-36 or a high school grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 - 4.0.
- 2.2 Transfer students from another accredited college or university — Cumulative college grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 - 4.0 after one academic year or more of full-time enrollment.
- 2.3 Readmission students — Cumulative GPA of 2.5 - 4.0 after one academic year or more of full-time enrollment.
- 2.4 Students enrolled at Western in the 1985 Spring Semester — Cumulative GPA of 2.5 - 4.0 where one academic year or more of full-time enrollment has been completed.
- 2.5 Students with an incentive grant may qualify for the subsequent academic year with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 - 4.0.
- 2.6 Students enrolled without an incentive grant may qualify for the subsequent academic year with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 - 4.0 in one academic year or more of full-time enrollment.
- 3.0 Graduate students must be admitted in good standing in the Graduate College at Western to qualify for an incentive grant.
- 4.0 Students receiving a grant must live in a campus residence hall. Students who are married, members of fraternities or sororities and living in chapter houses, or commuters living at home will be exempt from the housing requirement.
- 5.0 The policy will be implemented in the fall of 1985. Students enrolling for the 1985-86 year will pay the out-of-state rate less 50 percent of the difference between the in-state and out-of-state rate. Effective with the 1986-87 school year, students qualifying for the grant will pay the in-state rate.
- 6.0 Students qualifying for the grant may also qualify for a scholarship.

Background:

1.0 Background and Current Council On Higher Education Policy

The Council on Higher Education established policies permitting some public institutions to enroll students from other states at resident rates. The policy was initiated in 1974 to allow Murray and Western to enroll students from selected counties in Tennessee. Subsequently, counties in other states were included, and Morehead was included under the policy. In 1981, the Council terminated the waiver policy and gave all public institutions authority to provide tuition scholarships to nonresidents.

The Council policy follows:

That all out-of-state tuition waiver policies in effect as of this date be eliminated. That each Kentucky university be permitted to provide tuition scholarships to out-of-state students in the amount of the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition rates. These tuition scholarships would be made from tuition revenue and would become a student aid program managed at the institutional level.

Under this policy those out-of-state students receiving a

tuition scholarship will be reported as out-of-state students and the Council will enforce the existing out-of-state enrollment policy.

Also, for the purpose of funding review and budgetary recommendations the amount of tuition revenue generated by the total student population will be utilized in determining the level of support generated by the students.

When the Council changed the policy, Western developed a plan to permit currently enrolled students from the waiver counties to continue at Western at in-state rates through the completion of their program or through the spring semester of 1985.

2.0 Rationale for Reconsidering Western's Policy

- 2.1 The registration fee for out-of-state students was increased 53 percent by the Council in the period from 1981 to present. This increase was greater than had been anticipated.
- 2.2 Enrollments from Tennessee and Indiana declined at a more rapid rate than had been projected.
- 2.3 The total enrollment has declined in 1983-84 and 1984-85. This trend is projected for the next few years.
- 2.4 The level of enrollment is at a point that revenue from housing and other auxiliaries could be adversely affected.
- 2.5 Increasing the number and quality of out-of-state students from Indiana and Tennessee could create a climate that will benefit other students and improve the intellectual climate on campus.

3.0 Advantages of Proposed Policy

- 3.1 Diversify the social, cultural, and educational composition of the student body.
- 3.2 Increase the enrollment of talented out-of-state students.
- 3.3 Serve areas in Indiana and Tennessee where there is a concentration of Western graduates.
- 3.4 Increase the number of students using auxiliary services.

4.0 Disadvantages of Proposed Policy

- 4.1 Potential limitation on state appropriation as generated by the Council on Higher Education formula.
- 4.2 The Council could change its policy and create problems for students enrolled under this policy.
- 4.3 Western could be criticized for providing scholarships to out-of-state students rather than making the funds available to Kentuckians.

Explaining the incentive grants proposal, President Zacharias stated, "We felt, after considerable study in the last year or so, that it would be to our advantage to offer some incentive grants to certain counties that are in the immediate area of Western and also counties that we have historically drawn from outside the state. To give you an example, in the

middle Tennessee area, we have approximately 1,300 alumni living right in that area. They have a close identification with Western and would like very much for their sons and daughters to come to school here. So, it's a matter of our geographical location for the most part. It is a matter of our historical identification with certain counties that we have a very close relationship with. We tried to find a policy that would offer incentives for them to come to Western; so the proposal that you have before you is what has been prepared by Dr. Sutton and the people in the Scholastic Development area, Vice Presidents Minton, Haynes, and Largen. It was taken in a final draft form for discussion to the Administrative Council which is made up of all of the deans in the various areas and the vice presidents."

Dr. Zacharias pointed out and emphasized the significant difference between the incentive grants proposal and the tuition waiver policy of the past, the difference being--the incentive grants proposal places an emphasis upon students who have an ACT of 20 or above or a high school grade point average of 3.4 or higher. The previous tuition waiver policy did not have that restriction. Furthermore, once a student is enrolled at Western that individual must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher in order to remain eligible for the grant.

Chairman Iracane stressed the following points which he felt to be extremely critical in accepting the difference in the incentive grants proposal and the previous tuition waiver policy: 1) "We are being very selective in the type of students we're looking for from out of state"; and, 2) "We are maintaining the quality of that student while at Western."

Following a thorough discussion of the recommendation, Mr. Clark moved approval of the incentive grants proposal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clark and carried by voice vote.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.