

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY**

**August 27, 1999**

**AGENDA ITEM 1 - Call to Order**

Required statutory notice having been given, a special meeting of the Board of Regents was held via interactive teleconference from Room 212 of the Academic Complex and Room 114 of the Elizabethtown Community College. Mr. Earl Fischer also participated in the discussion via speaker phone from Lubbock, Texas; however, by statute, was not permitted to cast a vote. *The special meeting was requested by*

*Mr. Fischer and Mr. Martin specifically to address the following items:*

- *delegation of authority to the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents to consider tuition rates for the University and make a recommendation to the full Board;*
- *authorization and approval of the purchase of property located at 1346 and 1350 Kentucky Street;*
- *the sale of 1.68 acres located on the University Farm to the City of Bowling Green; and*
- *consideration of the Health Clinic Proposal.*

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Martin at approximately 9:10 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM 2 - Roll Call**

Ms. Kristen T. Bale  
Mr. Amanda J. Coates  
Ms. N. Joy Gramling  
Ms. Lois W. Gray  
Ms. Peggy W. Loafman  
Mr. Cornelius A. Martin  
Professor Mary Ellen Miller

Mr. Robert Earl Fischer (*participated by phone conference in the discussion*)

Mr. Fischer, Mr. Sheffer, and Mr. Tennill were absent.

**AGENDA ITEM 3 - Tuition**

**RECOMMENDATION: For approval for Executive Committee to act at its next scheduled meeting on September 24.**

President Ransdell noted that he had learned in the last ten days that all the CPE is expecting in early September on tuition is preliminary flexible numbers so they have

some idea how to begin building a higher education budget. Final approved tuition rates are not due until mid-October.

Chair Martin indicated a preference to have the full Board consider this item since it is such a significant item in a special meeting to be called September 24.

**AGENDA ITEM 4 - Recommendation for approval of the sale of 1.68 acres located on the University Farm to the City of Bowling Green**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

President Gary Ransdell recommends that the Board approve the sale of 1.68 acres located on the University Farm to the City of Bowling Green for the sum of \$100,000.00.

**Background:**

The City of Bowling Green intends to utilize this property to construct a Fire Department Substation. In May of 1999, the Board of Regents approved and authorized the President to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Bowling Green for transfer of this property. The MOA provided that, in exchange for this property, the City would transfer \$100,000.00 to the University, which in turn would be utilized to offset the costs incurred by the City to extend and improve 14th Street. Unforeseen problems with the relocation of utilities near 14th Street have necessitated a delay in that project. As such, the funds generated from the sale of the property will be held in the University Reserve. The Administration shall request Board authorization for the expenditure of these funds in conjunction with Board approval of a future property acquisition.

**MOTION** to approve the sale of 1.68 acres located on the University Farm to the City of Bowling Green for the sum of \$100,000.00, with the funds generated from the sale to be held in the University Reserve was made by Ms. Loafman, seconded by Ms. Gramling and carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 5 - Recommendation for approval to purchase property**

**RECOMMENDATION:** The President recommends that the Board authorize and approve the University's attempt to purchase two parcels of real estate located at 1346 Kentucky Street and 1350 Kentucky Street, Bowling Green, Warren County, Kentucky, for the purchase price of \$140,000.00, and appropriate closing costs associated therewith.

**Background:** This property is located adjacent to campus and its acquisition is integral to and within the University's Parking and Traffic Plan. Appraisals have been obtained on the properties, indicating their total fair market value at \$140,000.00. The University will utilize the vacant properties for the construction of future parking and the extension of 14th Street.

**Motion:**

To authorize the University to enter into a purchase contract and to approve the expenditure of University Reserve funds for the purchase of property located at 1346 and 1350 Kentucky Street for the purchase price of \$140,000.00, including appropriate closing costs.

Motion for approval was made by Professor Miller, seconded by Ms. Bale, and carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6 - Recommendation to enter into an Amended Employment Agreement with President Gary A. Ransdell**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the University enter into an Amended Employment Agreement with President Gary A. Ransdell.

**Background:** The proposed Amended Employment Contract is included in the materials provided to the Board members, and a copy is filed in the Board's official files.

Motion for approval was made by Professor Miller, seconded by Ms. Loafman, and carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 7 - Recommendation to go into closed session for purposes of receiving and discussing information contained in proposals for the provision of health services submitted by competing offerors**

Professor Miller made a motion to go into closed session for purposes of receiving and discussing information contained in proposals for the provision of health services submitted by competing offerors pursuant to KRS 4A.085(6) and KRS 61.810(k). The reason for the closed session is that the specific information to be discussed is required to be conducted in privacy under Kentucky law until such time as a contract is awarded . The motion was seconded by Ms. Bale and carried.

The Board, accompanied by President Gary Ransdell, Ms. Esters, Ms. Ann Mead, Mr. David Holcomb, Dr. Jerry Wilder, Mr. Dwight Campbell, student member of Committee, Mr. Fred Hensley, and Ms. Deborah Wilkins went into closed session at approximately 9:20 a.m.

Returning from closed session at approximately 10:55 a.m., Mr. Martin stated, "The subject of the discussions and deliberations during the closed session were restricted to those in the motion and no formal action was taken by the Board in closed session."

Ms. Bale made a motion to approve the recommendation brought forward by the President from the Student Health Clinic Committee, to accept the proposal submitted by Collegiate Health Care for establishment and operation of a campus health clinic, and that the Board further authorize the President to take any action necessary to effectuate a

contract for those services. The motion was seconded by Ms. Loafman with the following roll call vote:

Aye: Bale, Coates, Gray, Loafman, Martin, Miller

Nay: Gramling

**AGENDA ITEM 8 - Other Business**

Chairman Martin made the following committee appointments for 1999-2000:

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**1999-2000**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Mr. Cornelius A. Martin, Chair**

Ms. Kristen T. Bale, Vice Chair

Mr. Earl Fischer

Ms. Lois Gray

Mr. Ronald G. Sheffer

**ACADEMICS AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Ms. Lois W. Gray, Chair**

Ms. Kristen Bale

Ms. Amanda Coates

Professor Mary Ellen Miller

**FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**Mr. Earl Fischer, Chair**

Ms. Joy Gramling

Ms. Peggy W. Loafman

Mr. James B. Tennill, Jr.

**INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT**

**Mr. Ronald G. Sheffer, Chair**

Ms. Kristen T. Bale

Mr. Robert Earl Fischer

Mr. James B. Tennill, Jr.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY AND INTERNATIONALISM**

**Professor Mary Ellen Miller, Chair**

Ms. Amanda Coates

Ms. Joy Gramling

Ms. Peggy W. Loafman

With the conclusion of the agenda for the special meeting, motion for adjournment came at 11 a.m. from Ms. Loafman, seconded by Ms. Gramling.