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Faculty urged to write state about salaries

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Faculty Senate chairman Tom Jones yesterday asked Western faculty to write to government officials indicating that "anything but a 9½ percent increase in faculty salaries is not enough."

Jones said in a press conference yesterday that he wanted Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. and finance secretary George Atkins to know that the faculty is "not happy and not grateful for a 7½ percent increase" when inflation is about 14½ percent.

The 7½ percent figure has been used as an estimate of what the faculty will receive.

The Council of Higher Education has recommended a 9½ percent salary increase and, in the cases of Eastern and Western, a 5 percent catch-up increase.

Jones said he doesn't feel the council members have "pushed as hard as they should" to get the recommended increase.

Jones, who is also state Congress of Senate Faculty Leaders chairman, is asking

faculty senate chairmen across the state to ask their faculty to write letters to the state administration.

Jones also released a statement suggesting language for state faculty salary appropriations legislation.

The statement said, "All funds appropriated for 'cost of living' faculty salary increases shall be distributed to individual faculty members with each receiving a percentage not less than that designated as the 'cost of living' faculty salary percentage in the

budget approved by the Kentucky General Assembly and the governor of Kentucky."

"Although the statement may imply some distrust of some of the Board of Regents and university presidents," Jones said, "we do not currently distrust any board of regents or presidents. But, he said, "based on past experience, faculty have not always been given the full percentage."

There is nothing "bizarre" about the salary request, Jones said. "It's an outgrowth of

meetings with Harry Snyder, council executive director, Atkins, and Don Mills (assistant to the governor)."

In three or four days Jones plans to ask the faculty to write legislators concerning the increase.

"It is absurd that society should reward the teachers of the teachers with less than the teachers," Jones said. "If society values education, it is going to have to pay to have it or they're not going to have it."