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Appeals from the Chair

The state-wide rally

The Feb. 5 rally for higher education will begin at 4 p.m. EST in the Frankfort Convention Center at the Capitol Plaza. There will be delegates from each county and contingents of faculty and students from each campus. The Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education have reserved sections of the auditorium for each university. Let us not have our good friends (and the television cameras) looking upon blocks of empty seats behind the Western banner. Instead, be there to fill those places if you possibly can. By coming, you will help deliver the message that there is strong support for higher education throughout the state.

We shall have to arrange our own transportation. Departmental car pooling may prove feasible. There will be a caravan leaving the Downing Center at 11:30 a.m. that Wednesday, and there may be some room in various busses and vans. However, this transportation is primarily for students.

Cash for COSFL

As noted below, Western's cash flow for COSFL's political effort has been somewhat less than torrential. It has been hardly a discernible trickle and can be best characterized as an intermittent drip. Paper, printing and postage cost money, as do travel and lodging. We should not expect our colleagues who are working in our behalf to finance the enterprise largely out of their own pockets.

The aim is to build a strong and lasting alliance for higher education. It must be done. Let us sacrifice a night out at the Downing Center and send a sawbuck by making a check to COSFL and forwarding it to Harry Robe, Department of Psychology. Come on! Send it in!

Senate Elections

Nancy Baird of the By-Laws, Amendments and Elections Committee reported that departmental representatives would be elected in February, and at-large representatives would be elected in March. This year, those senators whose positions are up for election will conduct the elections in their respective departments. At-large ballots will be hand delivered to departments on the last day of February and will be picked up by Faculty Senate represen-

tatives at the departmental offices. Sen. Baird expressed the hope that more faculty will vote this year.

Administrative Evaluations

John Parker of the Ad Hoc Committee on Administrative Evaluations said that evaluation forms have been delivered to departments, or should be delivered by department senators. He said this process kept the handling of forms among Senate members only.

COSFL

The Chair reported that Harry Robe of the Psychology Department felt that the proposed five percent salary raise was a "trial balloon" and that the legislature may lower that percentage if they do not hear any objections. The Chair proposed that faculty members express their dissatisfaction to the legislators.

In regards to the money raised by faculty members in the state to help promote higher education, the total is about \$2000 with this breakdown:

Murray State	\$1200	
Eastern	600	
Northern	400	
Western	120	(which averages to about 20 cents per faculty member)

The Chair said that the drive for organized support for higher education will require long-term political action. Contributions should be made to COSFL and sent to Harry Robe, Psychology Dept. The rally for higher education will be Feb. 5 in Frankfort. The Chair said he hopes 1000 people from Western will attend. Transportation arrangements will need to be made privately.

Message from Dr. Cook

The Chair reported that Dr. Paul Cook had received the Senate's recent report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Affirmative Action. The report has been distributed to Dr. Kern Alexander and university executives. Dr. Cook said the matter will be under close study. The administration plans on hiring a consultant with experience in this area to study the situation. The consultant will be given the Senate report and other materials. The Chair said the Senate's role should be to see that there are results from hiring the consultant.

February meeting

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. The next Faculty Senate meeting will be at 3:20 p.m. on Feb. 13 in the Garrett Ballroom.