

FISCAL AFFAIRS RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The administration of Western Kentucky Univeraity should set spending priorities consistent with the University's primary educational mission. Specifically, the University should allocate additional funds to the academic and library budgets. Future budget increases should be applied, as a first priority, to instructional and instructionally related budgets rather than to administrative and athletic budgets.
2. The budgeting for the academic, athletic, administrative and other units of WKU should much more closely conform to the actual expenditures.
3. Continued emphasis be placed on reducing and eliminating overspending on the athletic budgets. With education as WKU's first priority and with limited funds available, the administration should reallocate funds to instructional budgets and colleges so that the faculty can achieve the first and most important mission of the University: educating our students.
4. Emphasis should also be placed on reducing and eliminating overspending of the executive management budgets. Funds should be reallocated to the instructional budgets to allow the faculty greater resources to satisfactorily educate our students.
5. Copies of this report should be forwarded to the Western XXI Task Force, to the Associated Student Government and to the Executive Vice President and President of WKU. Copies should also be made available to members of the faculty.