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BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY 42101



Faculty Senate

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Departmental Senators

FROM: Fred Murphy, Chair
Faculty Senate

Fred Murphy

DATE: November 18, 1987

Attached is a COSFL notice from Harry Robe regarding the items to be discussed at the Saturday, November 21 meeting which will be considering the development of a COSFL legislative platform. Please post this in your department. The notice includes information about the change of meeting place from Elizabethtown Community College to the Day's Inn in Frankfort. I would appreciate any -thing you can do to be sure faculty are aware of this change.

If you or anyone else in your department is planning to attend this meeting, please call Paul Campbell at 4134.

Thanks for your help in this matter.

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(COALITION OF SENATE AND FACULTY LEADERSHIP)

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To: COSFL MEMBERSHIP AND ALL FACULTY

From: Harry Robe, COSFL Vice President and Political
Activities committee

November 15, 1987

Before the Kentucky Legislature goes into session, it is the goal of COSFL to have adopted a set of positions on Higher Education issues. While it is our goal to work closely with the Council on Higher Education, the University Administrators, and the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education, the COSFL positions should reflect the unique perspectives of faculty. This draft position paper could form the agenda for the November 21st COSFL meeting in Frankfort.

The following positions are forwarded for your consideration:

COSFL supports the budget recommendations which have been submitted by the Council on Higher Education.

In particular, we support:

1. FULL FORMULA FUNDING BY 1989 - 90.
2. The allocation of funds to support the Faculty Salary Incentive Fund at least at the levels recommended by the Council on Higher Education (\$2,500,000 in 1988 - 89; \$5,000,000 in 1989 - 90).

In addition to the CHE budget request, COSFL supports the additional allocation of a minimum of \$2,500,000 for each year of the biennium for the further development of exemplary programs through the Centers of Excellence approach.

COSFL supports the creation of a state-wide scholarship fund which would support academically superior students with full scholarships at the Kentucky college or university of the student's choice.

COSFL supports legislative changes which would alter the Council on Higher Education membership to include at least one faculty representative, recommended by COSFL, and appointed by the Governor.

COSFL supports legislation to create a screening panel, which includes at least one faculty representative, which would screen and recommend to the Governor potentially outstanding appointees to the boards of Regents and Trustees at the eight state Universities.

COSFL supports a change in the retirement systems of Universities of Kentucky to allow faculty to choose either the KTRS or the TIAA retirement plans.

COSFL will oppose any legislation or change in regulations which will alter or weaken the authority of Boards of Regents or Trustees to establish policy, budget funds, or oversee programs at the Universities of Kentucky.

COSFL will oppose any change in the current methods of selection, or the responsibilities of faculty who serve on the Boards of Regents or Trustees at the Universities of Kentucky.

COSFL will advocate for the inclusion of faculty on committees, boards, commissions, or groups appointed by the Governor, or the Council on Higher Education which are charged with review, recommendation of policy affecting faculty, or changes in programs at the Universities of Kentucky.

COSFL supports the creation of a commission to study ways of developing further state-wide cooperation between the faculties of Elementary, Secondary and Post-secondary schools in Kentucky. The goal of this commission would be to find ways to enhance the academic preparation of college bound students and decreasing the appalling drop-out rate in the Kentucky High Schools and Universities.

This set of proposals is presented for your information, debate, discussion, modification, and/or adoption.

NOTICE

THE PLACE OF THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA MEETING OF COSFL HAS BEEN CHANGED TO THE DAYS INN IN FRANKFORT RATHER THAN AT THE ELIZABETHTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED. THE TIME AND DATE OF THE MEETING REMAIN THE SAME: Saturday, November 21st at 10:30 Eastern Time.