

Whereas:

The University subscribes to the principle that "faculty members are entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing their disciplines and in selecting teaching aids..." (p. 39 Faculty Handbook, 13th edition).

Examination procedures are a fundamental teaching aid and classroom activity.

The December 12, 1990, Western XXI draft states that comprehensive learning is to be emphasized through the "use of comprehensive examinations" (p. 8)

Now, therefore, be it resolved that:

The Faculty Senate of Western Kentucky University recommends to the President and the Board that specific matters concerning classroom instruction (for example, the method of student evaluation) are properly decided by the instructor of the course in accordance with the principles of academic freedom and are not established as a matter of administrative policy. Academic policy questions are appropriately addressed by the Academic Council, a body representing faculty, academic administration and students.

(Amendment)

And be it Further Resolved: that the Faculty Regent is requested to have the Board of Regents formally reconsider this matter and revise the Western XXI draft to conform to the spirit of academic freedom.