



## Western Kentucky University

UA3 President's Office

Series 4 Dero Downing

Subseries 4 Regents File

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**Administrative History:** The president's office was created in 1906. The search for the fourth president of WKU began with Kelly Thompson's resignation announcement May 21, 1969. Vice President for Administrative Affairs Dero Downing indicated that he would serve if asked. The Board of Regents elected him president on August 22, 1969. He served until his retirement in 1979.

Dero Downing was born September 10, 1921 at Fountain Run in Monroe County, Kentucky, and grew up at Horse Cave in Hart County. He enrolled at WKU in 1939 where he played basketball and earned both a bachelor's and master's degree. After serving in the Navy in World War II, he returned to Western as a mathematics teacher and coach at the College's Training School. He later became director of the Training School, college registrar, dean of admissions, dean of business affairs, and vice-president for administrative and business affairs. Upon his resignation as president in 1979 Downing became president of the College Heights Foundation, a position he held until his death on April 4, 2011.

**Description:** Records related to WKU Board of Regents, includes correspondence, meeting minutes and committee meeting minutes.

**Dates:** 1969-1978

**Extent:** 5 cu. ft.

### Subject Analytics:

Correspondence

Downing, Dero Goodman, 1921-2011

Meetings

Regents (WKU)

Western Kentucky University

### Digital Commons:

Higher Education Administration

**Accession Information:** These records transferred to WKU Archives upon its creation.

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**Allied Materials:**

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# Finding Aid Report

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<b>UA3.4.4</b>	<b>Records</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Level</b>	<b>Series</b>	<b>Linked toUA3.4</b>
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Description	Faculty Regent - Election Procedures Regents (WKU)			Subjects Correspondence
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Description	Meetings			Subjects Meetings
Box 32		WKU President's Office - Downing	1969-1974	Regents
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Box 33		WKU President's Office - Downing	1974-1977	Regents
Description	Meetings			Subjects Meetings
Box 34		WKU President's Office - Downing	1976-1978	Regents - Committees
Description	Academic Excellence Committee Academics Program Report Ad Hoc Committee on Athletics Athletic Program Report Goals & Objectives Graduate Assistantships Housing Committee International Education Committee Liability Insurance President's Home Committee Regulations & By-Laws & Governing Rules, Proposed Selection Procedure Committee Student Life Politics			Subjects Meetings