



Student Government Association

REFLECTIONS ON FRANKFORT RALLY

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Classes missed (no. and title) Professor's name

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After a very exciting, energizing and educational experience at the Capitol Building of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, you are beginning to wrap your head around the inner workings of our state government and how it functions.

1. How do you feel that you impacted this state crisis? What difference did you participating in this rally make?
2. What was the most memorable/important part of the experience you had as a participant in this rally?
3. How/where have you acquired the knowledge and skills that are most important for you, as students, to be able to influence the workings of government and the influence the decisions made?
4. What suggestions do you have (for the university and its faculty) that will better prepare you to be effective participants in shaping and influencing political decisions?
5. What could have been done to make your day more effective or productive?

Each participant will be expected to complete this 'reflections' paper. A copy of it should be given to the SGA Vice President before leaving the bus when you return to campus. A copy of your paper will also be provided to each faculty member whose class you missed to participate in the rally.

① I feel that by attending this rally I helped the lawmakers of the state of Kentucky realize and be reminded that by cutting budgets of the Universities of the state actually hurts the students individually.

② The most memorable/important part of the experience was being able to hear the governor and president Ransdell speak on how important higher education is to the state. It was also very memorable to see students from all over Kentucky united to help fix the crisis of budget cuts for education.

③ I believe that as students we've acquired the knowledge of how we can influence the government's decision making by observing the way that the government has changed in the past. We've learned about this in various History and Political Science classes the most. Also, I think that the influences of our ~~professors~~ professors can also help us understand.

④ The biggest and most important suggestion I have for the faculty and university to help the students know how to be ~~be~~ involved in the government's processes would be to be as supportive as possible when the students try to be involved. All of my ~~professors~~ professors were supportive of my decision to attend this rally, and professors like this are making people realize they can be involved.

⑤ For our day to be more productive I think that the transportation issue would have been helpful - because we waited an hour for buses to come that had not been ordered. I also think that the SGA did a great job of working on their feet and taking care of the situation!