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**WKU ENERGY POLICY ANNOUNCEMENT**

GUTHRIE GARDEN  
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2009  
12:45 P.M. CDT

**WELCOME AND  
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

**PRESIDENT GARY RANDELL**

**REMARKS**

**GOVERNOR STEVE BESHEAR**

**JOHN OSBORNE, VICE  
PRESIDENT OF CAMPUS  
SERVICES**

**STUDENT COMMENTS**

**SARA FERGUSON, STUDENT  
SUSTAINABILITY  
COORDINATOR FOR HOUSING  
AND RESIDENCE LIFE**

*Callie Pelt - Bell Garton*

*Guests - \*Sody Richards  
Sly - Mike Reynolds  
Rep. Wilson Stump  
+ Mayor Elomb  
Walker  
Tulip M...  
Rep - Jimmy Lee*

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**DR. RANDELL – WELCOME AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

- ***WELCOME ALL IN ATTENDANCE***
- **I AM ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO WELCOME GOVERNOR STEVE BESHEAR TO BOWLING GREEN TODAY. THANK YOU, GOVERNOR, FOR TAKING TIME TO JOIN US AND FOR BEING A PART OF THIS SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.**
- **KENTUCKY IS A STATE KNOWN FOR ITS INTENSIVE USE OF ENERGY, BUT OUR FOCUS NOW IS ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY, SUSTAINABLE USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AND CUTTING EDGE RESEARCH INTO ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES AND CLEANER USES OF COAL AND OTHER FUELS.**
- **A FEW WEEKS AGO GOVERNOR BESHEAR OUTLINED HIS ADMINISTRATION’S ENERGY PLAN FOR KENTUCKY – “INTELLIGENT ENERGY CHOICES FOR KENTUCKY’S FUTURE” – AND HE FOLLOWED THAT WITH A PLAN FOR EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.**



- **GOVERNOR, I RECALL IN YOUR ANNOUNCEMENT THAT YOU HOPED UNIVERSITIES WOULD FOLLOW YOUR LEAD, AND TODAY I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WKU WILL JOIN YOU IN YOUR EFFORT.**
- **BEGINNING TODAY, AND THANKS TO EFFORTS BY A NUMBER OF GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS ON OUR CAMPUS, WKU WILL INSTITUTE AN ENERGY POLICY THAT WILL GUIDE OUR INSTITUTION IN THE RESPONSIBLE USE OF ENERGY.**
- **THIS POLICY IS FOCUSED ON PERSONAL CONSERVATION; RESPONSIBLE PURCHASING; EFFICIENCY IN BUILDING DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT; FUEL EFFICIENT PRACTICES IN TRANSPORTATION; AND PROMOTING CONSERVATION THROUGH EDUCATION AND AWARENESS ON OUR CAMPUS AND THROUGHOUT HIGHER EDUCATION IN KENTUCKY.**
- **GOVERNOR, WKU IS PLEASED TO PARTNER WITH YOU IN YOUR EFFORT TO REDUCE OUR STATE'S CARBON FOOTPRINT.**

① We are proud of the significant research taking place in our Institute for Combustion Science and Environmental Technology. We are helping shape Kentucky's energy future with life changing breakthroughs in carbon and mercury emissions and alternative resource consumption to reduce the environmental impact of coal AWD optimise Kentucky's pre eminent natural resource.

GARY A. RANSDALL

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(2) We have also submitted to Gov. Beshear a concept for funding with federal stimulus dollars, an ~~energy~~ energy infrastructure project which is a Next Generation Ultra-low emission Coal-Fired Heating Plant for the WKU campus. Using our campus as a living learning laboratory to address Kentucky's energy future.



- **RECOGNIZING THAT UNIVERSITIES ARE THE PLACES WHERE INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS ARE BORN, THE WKU CAMPUS IS BEING USED AS A LIVING LABORATORY FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION EFFORTS.**

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- **WE ARE ENCOURAGING STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF TO APPLY IDEAS AND RESEARCH TO ADVANCE SUSTAINABILITY.**
- **WKU'S STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF HAVE EMBRACED THIS EFFORT AND TOGETHER WE HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS.**
- **WE ARE EXPANDING THE CAMPUS RECYCLING PROGRAM TO REDUCE OUR SOLID WASTE.**
- **WE ARE ENCOURAGING THE USE OF ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION BY CREATING A BIKE FRIENDLY CAMPUS - OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS WE HAVE ADDED 300 BICYCLE RACKS WHICH WERE CONSTRUCTED BY OUR ARCHITECTURAL MANUFACTURING SCIENCES FACULTY AND STUDENTS.**

- **UNIVERSITY PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION NOW OFFERS AN ONLINE RIDE SHARE PROGRAM FOR COMMUTERS.**
- **UNIVERSITY SHUTTLE BUSES ARE CURRENTLY USING 10% BIODIESEL, AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO INCREASING THAT TO 20% IN THE NEAR FUTURE.**
- **WKU STUDENTS FROM THE OGDEN COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING ARE TAKING USED COOKING OIL FROM OUR DINING SERVICES AND FROM OTHER SOURCES AND ARE CREATING BIODIESEL TO FUEL UNIVERSITY FARM EQUIPMENT.**
- **THROUGH CONCENTRATED EFFORTS, WKU HAS ALREADY REDUCED OUR ENERGY CONSUMPTION THIS ACADEMIC YEAR BY MORE THAN 2.3 MILLION KILOWATT HOURS DESPITE OUR CAMPUS GROWTH IN SIZE AND POPULATION.**
- **TO PUT THIS IN A FINANCIAL PERSPECTIVE, WE BEGAN THIS FISCAL YEAR WITH A DEFICIT OF \$521,000 IN OUR UTILITY BUDGET. WE HAVE REDUCED THAT DEFICIT TO \$142,000.**

*Because of increased energy costs, we!*



*Between now and June 30*

- **WITH THE ADOPTION OF THIS POLICY, IT IS POSSIBLE TO SAVE ENOUGH ENERGY TO OFFSET THE REMAINING DEFICIT. MY CHALLENGE TO ALL OF YOU IN THE WKU FAMILY IS TO REDUCE THAT TO ZERO IN THE 120 DAYS LEFT IN THIS FISCAL YEAR.**
- **GOVERNOR, YOU CAN SEE A THEME HERE. WKU IS SEEKING TO BE THE STATE'S LEADER IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AMONG HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS WHILE ENSURING A SAFE AND COMFORTABLE CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT. ADOPTION OF THIS ENERGY POLICY IS ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT STEP IN THAT DIRECTION.**
- **CALL ON GOVERNOR BESHEAR TO SPEAK.**