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DR. RANDELL - TALKING POINTS
DEDICATION
COMPLEX FOR ENGINEERING & BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
JANUARY 28, 2005

- THANK KATE HERTWICK AND BUD LAYNE FOR THEIR COMMENTS.
- AS THE WORLD ECONOMY AND THE STATE'S NEEDS HAVE CHANGED, SO TOO HAS THE MISSION OF WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY.
- OUR FOCUS NOW FAR EXCEEDS SIMPLY EDUCATING STUDENTS. TODAY WE ARE ENGAGING OUR FACULTY AND STUDENTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL KENTUCKIANS AND TO ADD VALUE TO THE RESOURCES WE ARE SO BLESSED WITH IN KENTUCKY. OURS IS A PRACTICE-BASED CURRICULUM. APPLIED RESEARCH IS OUR MANTRA. OUR MISSION IS TO IDENTIFY AND SOLVE PROBLEMS. WE USE EXISTING KNOWLEDGE TO FIND SOLUTIONS IN SCIENCE, BUSINESS, CULTURAL, AND SOCIAL SETTINGS.
- MANY TIMES OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS I HAVE HEARD OUR SPECIAL GUEST TODAY, GOVERNOR ERNIE FLETCHER, EXPRESS HIS VISION THAT HIGHER EDUCATION SHOULD BE THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN OUR COMMONWEALTH.
- GOVERNOR, TODAY YOU ARE HERE TO DEDICATE A FACILITY THAT WAS DESIGNED FOR THAT VERY PURPOSE.
- CONCEIVED AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, DESIGNED TO CREATE ECONOMIC SOLUTIONS, BUILT TO CO-MINGLE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE TALENT, AND DEDICATED TODAY TO DRIVE THE ECONOMIC CAPACITY OF THIS REGION. WE HAVE LEVERAGED STATE, FEDERAL AND PRIVATE PARTNERS TO FUND THIS BUILDING AND THE EQUIPMENT AND PROGRAMS THAT ARE HOUSED IN IT.
- THE STATE CONTRIBUTED NOT ONLY CAPITAL BOND FUNDS BUT ALSO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT THE BUILDING.
- THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AT THE DIRECTION OF U.S. SENATOR MITCH McCONNELL, CONTRIBUTED TO THE STATE-OF-THE-ART EQUIPMENT THAT IS IN THIS LAB WHERE WE CELEBRATE TODAY.
- AND OUR PRIVATE PARTNERS – BOTH CORPORATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS – HAVE GIVEN SO GENEROUSLY FOR FACULTY AND

PROGRAMMATIC SUPPORT WHICH IS CRITICAL TO OUR SUCCESS. DR. FERRELL RECOGNIZED A FEW OF THEM EARLIER.

- I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THREE OF OUR PARTNERSHIPS AND GIVE YOU JUST A TASTE OF HOW WESTERN IS HELPING TO DRIVE THE ECONOMY OF THIS REGION - TWO ARE ENGINEERING PARTNERSHIPS AND ONE IS a biotechnology partner.

- MECHANICAL ENGINEERING - REFER TO SPAN TECH/BUD LAYNE/LAYNE PROFESSORSHIP

- JIM SCOTT AND THE CIVIL ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER AT SCOTTY'S CONSTRUCTION. SCOTT CHAIR.

- SYGEN INTERNATIONAL, ^{the third is} WHOSE REPRESENTATIVES YOU MET A FEW MOMENTS AGO, ^{with} ~~HAS~~ ITS U.S. HEADQUARTERS IN FRANKLIN ~~AND IS THE~~ SYGEN IS THE UNDISPUTED WORLD LEADER IN MOLECULAR ANIMAL BREEDING.

- THEY USE COMPARATIVE GENOMICS ~~BIOTECHNOLOGY~~ TO ADD VALUE THROUGHOUT THE MEAT SUPPLY CHAIN OF FARMERS, PROCESSORS, DISTRIBUTORS, RETAILERS AND CONSUMERS.

- SYGEN'S VISION FOR KENTUCKY IS THAT OUR STATE WOULD BECOME THE WORLD EPICENTER FOR ANIMAL BREEDING TECHNOLOGY.

- WESTERN IS ENGAGED IN AN EMERGING PARTNERSHIP WITH SYGEN TO HELP THEM ACHIEVE THAT VISION FOR KENTUCKY, AND I PROMISE EXCITING COLLABORATION IN THE FUTURE. //

- GOVERNOR FLETCHER, WE INVITED YOU TO JOIN US FOR THIS OCCASION TODAY BECAUSE WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WESTERN SHARES YOUR VISION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION. WE WANT TO BE THE ENGINE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH CENTRAL KENTUCKY. AND WE WANT TO HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS FOR MOVING KENTUCKY FORWARD.

- WE ARE HONORED BY YOUR PRESENCE AND APPRECIATE YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT.

- IT IS FITTING THAT ONE OF THE FIRST UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS YOU ^{NEW} ~~DEDICATE~~ BE A BUILDING SO CLOSELY ALIGNED WITH YOUR PRIORITIES. ^{as Gov.}

- MOST OF US HERE TODAY KNOW A BIT ABOUT GOVERNOR FLETCHER'S BACKGROUND ^{NEW} BEFORE HIS ELECTION AS KENTUCKY'S GOVERNOR IN 2003, HE SERVED IN THE U.S. CONGRESS AS A

REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE 6TH DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY, AND BEFORE THAT HE SERVED IN THE KENTUCKY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. HE ALSO SERVED OUR COUNTRY IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE.

- BY PROFESSION HE IS BOTH A PHYSICIAN AND AN ENGINEER. // IRONICALLY, GOVERNOR, WHAT WE DEDICATE TODAY IS A BUILDING THAT WILL PREPARE OUR STUDENTS FOR BOTH OF THOSE CAREER PATHS.
- WE ARE VERY PROUD OF OUR ROLE IN HIS PLAN TO MOVE KENTUCKY FORWARD, AND TOGETHER WE WILL CREATE JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND ADD VALUE TO THE REGION WE SERVE.
- GOVERNOR THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY. ~~(TO AUDIENCE)~~ PLEASE WELCOME OUR FRIEND, GOVERNOR ERNIE FLETCHER.