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COUNCIL ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Western is involved in a number of activities with the Council on Higher Education. Each fall semester, reports are submitted to the Council on enrollments, financial information, and other topics. The Office of Institutional Research is working with the appropriate offices in completing these reports.

The Executive Committee of the Council has established a schedule for considering the study by MGT of America, Inc., of Tallahassee, Florida. MGT was commissioned to study the professional schools at the public institutions in Kentucky. The study was later expanded to include other aspects of higher education.

We are in the process of responding to selected items in the report. The Council's schedule for considering the report extends through the spring of 1984.

The Council staff is studying the formulae and requests submitted by the institutions. The requests are for state appropriation for 1984-86. Harry Snyder and other staff members were on campus on September 27 to discuss issues relating to state funding for 1984-86.

PRESERVATION OF MATERIALS

Dr. Lowell Harrison, Professor of History, is writing a history of Western Kentucky University. Dr. Harrison indicates that many faculty members have not preserved papers, correspondence, and materials that would be helpful in researching the history of Western.

In the introduction to his Indiana University: Years of Fulfillment, Tom Clark wrote: "I sorely missed a major documentary resource because there is no significant collection of professorial papers....The Indiana University archival collection is
weak in this area, and perf o rce
t h e story of many a professorial
career has faded in memory for
lack of personal documentary
accumulations."

• BOARD MEETING

The quarterly meeting of the
Board of Regents is scheduled for
3 p.m. on October 28, 1983.

• NCAA STUDY

The NCAA has commissioned
Advanced Technology, Inc., of
Reston, Virginia, to conduct a
study of the academic performance
of student-athletes. The study is
in conjunction with eligibility
standards for freshmen student-
athletes at NCAA Division I
institutions approved at the 1983
NCAA Convention. The revisions
approved at the Convention are
referred to as Proposal No. 48.
The NCAA felt a need for more
data on the academic performance
of student-athletes in order to
make judgments about the
requirements of Proposal No. 48.

• SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

The scholarship support for
1983-84 was increased from
$349,987 to $492,678. The total
includes approximately $165,000
from the College Heights
Foundation.

In addition to the $492,678,
the Ogden Foundation and the J. L.
Harman Fund administered by the
American National Bank provide
scholarship support for Western
students.

• ENROLLMENT

The total headcount enrollment
for the 1983 fall semester is
12,666 compared to 12,855 for the
fall of 1982. The decline is in
the out-of-state undergraduate
enrollment. The enrollment of
students from Kentucky increased
by 41 over the previous fall.
The impact of the Council's
decision to eliminate the tuition
waiver policy for the four
counties in Indiana and the two
counties in Tennessee is reflected
in the enrollment report. The
enrollment from other states
decreased by 193. The former
waiver counties produced 135 fewer
students than last fall.

• MEETING WITH AWARD RECIPIENTS

President Zacharias had a
luncheon meeting with the faculty
members who won teaching,
research, and public service
awards during the past year. The
informal session centered around
the academic role of Western
Kentucky University.

• REAL ESTATE SALE

The University sold two houses
on Sumpter Avenue, a house on
State Street, and a lot on Forrest
Drive. The property was sold at
auction on October 8 under
provisions established by the
Finance and Administration
Cabinet. The sales must be
approved by Finance and
Administration. If the sales are
approved, Western will receive
approximately $86,000 which will
be placed in the Fund for Academic
Excellence. When the Fund reaches
$250,000, the earnings from it
will be used to enhance and
strengthen academic programs.

• STRATEGIC PLANNING

A Task Force on Strategic
Planning has been appointed to
provide oversight for the process
and to prepare a report based upon
the guidelines established during
the early phase of the strategic
planning process. The members of
the Task Force are

Dr. Donald W. Zacharias,
Chairman
Mr. James B. Tomes, Director,
Personnel Services
Dr. J. T. Sandefur, Dean,
College of Education
Dr. Robert Pethia, Head,
Management and Marketing
Dr. Robert G. Schrader,
Professor, Educational
Leadership
Dr. John Shirley, Associate
Professor, Agriculture
Dr. Joseph Uveges, Professor,
Government
Dr. Jerry Rust, Associate
Professor, Accounting
Ms. Patricia Bowen, Associate
Professor, Library Public
Services
Dr. Stephen House, Registrar
Ms. Pam Cunningham, Registrar
Ms. Cindy Richards, Student