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Western Kentucky University

Office of the President

February 9, 1984

Update

Dr. Charmaine A. Mosby
1985 spring semester
Dr. Edward Pease
1985 spring semester
Dr. John P. Russell
1984 fall semester
Mr. Ivan E. Schieferdecker
1984 fall semester
Dr. Edward L. Schoen
1985 spring semester
Mr. Brian G. Sullivan
1984 fall semester

Dr. Jack W. Thacker
1985 spring semester
Dr. William M. Traugott
1984-85 academic year
Dr. Richard L. Troutman
1984 summer term
Dr. Joseph A. Uveges, Jr.
1985 spring semester
Dr. James W. Wesolowski* 1984-85 academic year

*Contingent upon receipt of Fulbright Fellowship

1984-86 STATE APPROPRIATION

Governor Martha Layne Collins has proposed an increase of $1,223,100 in state appropriation for Western Kentucky University for 1984-85 and an additional $1,800,900 for 1985-86. I appreciate the support being recommended, but I also have to report that it fails to meet our needs for funds as calculated by the Council on Higher Education formula or by any other objective standards. Governor Collins and her staff obviously faced a difficult situation in preparing the Executive Budget for 1984-86.

The proposed support provides an increase of approximately 4 percent in state appropriation for 1984-85 and approximately 5.5 percent in 1985-86 for Western. The recommendations of the Council on Higher Education would provide the level of support needed by Western. The Council recommended an increase of $5,837,000 for 1984-85 and an additional $1,619,000 for 1985-86. I recognize that the Council recommendations cannot be funded without additional sources of revenue. I have discussed with members of the General Assembly our need for additional funding.

The Governor has recommended $2.5 million for major
maintenance for all eight public institutions. The funds will be distributed to the institutions by the Council on Higher Education. Funding has not been recommended for any specific capital projects at Western.

The preparation of the 1984-85 Operating Budget is under way. Guidelines to be followed in requesting budgetary support will be distributed by the middle of February.

*POSITION NOTICES*

The Office of the President receives notices of administrative positions available at other institutions. These notices are forwarded to the reference room in the Cravens Graduate Center and Library for use by interested faculty and staff. The notices can be asked for at the reference desk.

*OPEN HOUSES*

The Office of Admissions conducts open houses in populated areas to provide information about educational opportunities at Western.

On Thursday, December 1, we hosted an open house program in Jefferson County. Overall, we believe the program was very successful. More than 200 prospective students and parents attended the open house program compared to an estimated attendance of 160 last year. In addition to promotional techniques used in past years, we coordinated a more extensive telephone invitation program this year. Our staff assistant in Louisville was a major factor in increasing attendance. Names of prospective students from Jefferson and adjoining counties were distributed to 16 Western students, 12 alumni, and our staff assistant in Louisville. These individuals telephoned prospective students from the contact file during the Thanksgiving holiday period.

An open house was held for students in Daviess and surrounding counties on Wednesday, February 1, from 7-9 p.m. It was held in Owensboro at the Executive Inn-Rivermont. An open house is planned for Nashville on Thursday, February 16. The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Inn South at Harding Place and is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

The group from campus includes representatives from each college, several departments, Financial Aid, Admissions, Housing, and related areas.

*FREEZE FUNDING - INSURANCE*

The lack of electrical services for eight to ten hours and the extreme temperatures on December 25 resulted in frozen plumbing. As was reported by the local media, there was considerable damage from pipes that burst.

The state of Kentucky has a state-wide insurance policy with a $300,000 deductible. Adjustors have been on campus, and we will know soon about the reimbursement we will receive.

The state does not permit state agencies to purchase all-risk insurance coverage. Therefore, Western could not purchase insurance for protection of damages caused by frozen plumbing.

*BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING*

The Board of Regents met in regular session on February 4, 1984. All members of the Board were present, and a summary of the action taken follows.

The financial report for the year ending June 30, 1983, was approved. The report was prepared by James R. Meany and Associates and the staff in Business Affairs. Approval was given to a plan for the University to acquire the inventory and fixtures of the College Heights Bookstore and Laundry. The acquisition will take place as of July 1, 1984, if there is no change in the financial position of the University. A combination of fund balances and revenues from the bookstore would be used to fund the purchase.

The Board approved a change in the housing policy. This change will permit the development of co-residential housing.

The Board approved a number of personnel recommendations. Included in the personnel actions was approval of the following sabbatical leaves for 1984-85:

- Ms. Nancy D. Baird
  1984 fall semester
- Mr. Robert L. Baxter
  1985 spring semester
- Mr. Joseph M. Boggs
  1985 spring semester
- Dr. Edward Bohlender
  1984-85 academic year
- Dr. F. Dudley Bryant
  1984-85 academic year
- Ms. Kay P. Carr
  1984 fall semester
- Dr. H. Dwight Cline
  1985 spring semester
- Dr. H. Philip Constans
  1984 fall semester
- Dr. Nancy H. Davis
  1984 fall semester
- Dr. Lawrence K. Finley
  1985 spring semester
- Dr. Joseph A. Glaser
  1984 fall semester
- Dr. Joseph W. Gluhan
  1984 summer term
- Dr. Stephen B. Jarrell
  1984 fall semester
- Mr. Michael E. Klein
  1985 spring semester
- Dr. William Leonard
  1985 spring semester
- Dr. W. Lynwood Montell
  1984-85 academic year