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2016 Budget Update

Fellow Faculty and Staff:

Yesterday the Kentucky House of Representatives passed their version of the 2016-18 biennial budget. The House proposed budget removes both the 4.5 percent current year cuts and the 9 percent recurring cuts to universities. We are very appreciative that House members heard our concerns over the proposed budget cuts and recognized the hardship those cuts would place on Kentucky's public universities.

In addition to restoring the cuts, the House eliminated the Governor's proposal to redistribute one-third of university base operating funds to a performance funding pool and instead added language to establish a Postsecondary Education Working Group for the purpose of developing a comprehensive funding model for the allocation of public funds and to make recommendations to the legislature in December 2016. The House budget does not include the equity funding for WKU and NKU, and it also does not include funding for capital projects or authorization for agency bond projects.

It is important to note that this is only the second step in this process, and the budget passed today now goes to the Senate for their consideration. There are now 10 working days left in this session, and a good deal of work remains to be completed. We will continue to work hard to make our case, and I am hopeful we can maintain this progress as the process continues to unfold.

I appreciate the support and encouragement I have received from many of you as we work in Frankfort to persuade legislators to support higher education. I do believe your calls and communication to our legislators have made a difference as well. We will continue our efforts as I have several meetings with Senators scheduled over the next few days. I will continue to update you as the session unfolds.

Thanks.

Gary A. Ransdell



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