

# Faculties may write officials on pay raise

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BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Faculty members at state universities are being urged to write to Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. and Finance Secretary George Atkins expressing support for a 9.5 percent pay increase for faculty in the next state budget.

"We're not suggesting a mass impersonal mailing," Tom Jones, chairman of the Congress of Faculty Senate Leaders, said in a news conference yesterday.

"Rather, we want these men to know we are individual human beings who are being inadequately rewarded for what we do," said Jones, an English professor at Western Kentucky University.

Jones' group represents the faculties of all state universities except the University of Kentucky.

Jones said a 9.5 percent raise had been recommended by the Council on Higher Education, but he said council Chairman Harry Snyder had told him faculty members might instead receive raises of 7 percent or 7.5 percent.

Jones said faculty members would not be content with raises of that size when the inflation rate is approaching 14 percent.

Jones also said the faculty congress had drafted and sent to Brown aide Don Mills a statement for use in preparing the 1980-82 budget.

One provision said, "All funds appropriated for cost-of-living faculty salary increases shall be distributed to individual faculty members with each receiving a percentage not less than that designated in the budget approved by the General Assembly and the governor."

Jones said Mills said the information would become part of the governor's budget proposal.

"The salary language implies mistrust," Jones said. "However, it is simply based on past experience, not present expectations."

He said there were indications that, in past budget appropriations, faculty had not received money as requested by the state Council on Higher Education.

Jones said Mills told him yesterday that the governor's budget would not include a 9.5 percent increase requested by the council for the first year of the biennium, but, "We will be treated well in the second year of the biennium."

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