

Financing Kentucky's colleges

Here's Gov. Brown's recommendation for 1982-1983:

School	Increases						
	1981-82 approp.*	1982-83 tuition	State operating funds	Extra funds	State approp. increase	Total Oper. budget incr. inc. tuition	1982-83 State approp.*
Kentucky State University [†]	\$ 8,955,100	\$ 210,700				1.9%	\$ 8,955,100
Eastern Kentucky University	28,265,300	1,299,000	\$ 1,704,900	\$121,200	6.5%	7.2%	30,091,400
Morehead State University	16,964,300	656,300	1,044,500	73,600	6.6	7.7	18,082,400
Murray State University	21,222,700	853,800	1,218,100	91,200	6.2	7.9	22,532,000
Northern Kentucky University	15,155,900	1,096,600	974,900		6.4	9.5	16,130,800
Western Kentucky University	26,965,900	1,220,500	1,665,900	114,000	6.6	7.7	28,745,800
University of Louisville	68,715,400	1,372,500	5,886,900		8.6	7.8	74,602,300
University of Kentucky	135,067,100	1,983,300	12,347,300		9.1	7.2	147,414,400
total	\$321,311,700	\$8,692,700	\$24,842,500	\$400,000	7.9%	7.4%	\$346,554,200

... and his recommendation for 1983-1984:

School	Increases						
	1982-83 approp.*	1983-84 tuition	State operating funds	Transition financing	State approp. increase	Total Oper. budget incr. inc. tuition	1983-84 State approp.*
Kentucky State University [†]	\$ 8,955,100	\$ 252,900				2.3%	\$ 8,955,100
Eastern Kentucky University	30,091,400	1,561,400	\$ 1,885,800		6.3%	7.5	31,977,200
Morehead State University	18,082,400	783,900	1,191,100		6.6	7.9	19,273,500
Murray State University	22,532,000	1,001,600	1,368,000		6.1	8.0	23,900,000
Northern Kentucky University	16,130,800	1,218,400	1,158,600		7.2	9.5	17,289,400
Western Kentucky University	28,745,800	1,463,000	1,860,100		6.5	8.0	30,605,900
University of Louisville	74,602,300	1,944,300	7,150,400	289,700	10.0	9.4	82,042,400
University of Kentucky	147,414,400	3,246,400	14,916,000	951,500	10.8	8.9	163,281,900
total	\$346,554,200	\$11,471,900	\$29,530,000	\$1,241,200	8.9%	8.6%	\$377,325,400

Source: Council on Higher Education
[†] Excludes state money used to pay off debts on capital construction.
^{*} Excluded from appropriation increases because KSU is considered overfunded according to budget formula.

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Plan guarantees 3% budget increase

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The mission model proposal has spawned feverish lobbying and suggestions from some supporters of the regional universities that the council be abolished.

However, Richardson said that he thinks the council will remain intact and that the governor's recommendation will be approved.

"I think that the plan has an excellent chance of passing," he said. "I don't see any major problems at all."

Prather, in discussing his support for the compromise, said that he would oppose any proposal to put the university presidents back on the council. The presidents were removed when the governor reorganized the council in 1980.

The Legislature must ratify the governor's action. Prather said that approval of the council's reorganization was not part of the discussion of the compromise.

Presidents on both sides of the issue claimed at least a victory in principle for each side, though one president acknowledged that the money at stake was relatively small.

"There are not a lot of dollars to be carried home by anybody," said Eastern President J.C. Powell.

Powell said that the governor's recommendation "does recognize that there are problems of quality in the

regional institutions and that quality has got to be protected."

"Maybe he's found a solution that everybody feels that they got a point accepted," Powell said of the governor's plan.

Powell and Morehead President Morris L. Norfleet indicated that they did not expect any opposition to the plan from the regional universities' supporters.

"Although our institutions will not receive all the funds we feel will be needed in the next two years," Norfleet said that the governor's plan provides "more equitable funding" than the council's plan.

UK President Otis A. Singletary said that "the comments by the governor and the legislative leadership are a strong endorsement of the mission model concept as adopted by the Council on Higher Education."

"We continue to believe that such an approach is in the best interest of the Commonwealth in that it provides a rational basis for funding decisions in higher education."

Brown said that support for the compromise was "important to stop the confrontation and bickering between the college presidents and institutions."

Commenting on the recent lobbying, Brown said he hoped the issue had been laid to rest so the president could return to the campuses and "not spend so much time in Frankfort."