

RESOLUTION OPPOSING FURTHER INCREASES  
IN THE UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC BUDGET

Whereas, given the current scarcity of resources, the plan to develop and maintain prestigious athletic programs could jeopardize the integrity of our academic programs; and

Whereas, Western is seeking to achieve a level of academic excellence that will require a higher level of financial support; and

Whereas the primary purpose of college sports should be student personal development rather than public entertainment; and

Whereas no compelling need has been demonstrated for Western to become recognized as a sports power;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that:

1. The Faculty Senate opposes further increases in the university athletic budget so long as such increases are opportunity costs for academic programs.
2. The Faculty Senate urges the Board of Regents to reconsider its policy on athletics and redirect its efforts toward enhancing the academic quality of the university.
3. The Faculty Senate authorizes that these views be transmitted to President Zacharias and the Board of Regents.