RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ms. Beverly H. Wathen, Bowling Green, Kentucky, has served as a member of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University from December 22, 1999, to June 30, 2003; and

WHEREAS, this was a transformational period in the life of Western Kentucky University; and

WHEREAS, her term of office was characterized by able leadership, faithful service, and dedication to her responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, her loyal service and leadership have made significant and lasting contributions to the University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wathen has given unselfishly of her time, energies, and resources to make Western Kentucky University better; and

WHEREAS, such leadership and dedicated efforts are deserving of special recognition;

Therefore be it
RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University in a meeting on August 8, 2003, does hereby express its appreciation to Ms. Beverly H. Wathen for her contributions and extends best personal wishes for continued success in all her endeavors;

Be it further
RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes and a copy thereof be presented to Ms. Wathen as an expression of the esteem in which she is held by members of the Board.

Ordered at Bowling Green, Kentucky, this 8th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and three.

Lois W. Gray, Chair  
Board of Regents

Gary A. Ransdell, President  
Western Kentucky University
May 29, 2003

Ms. Beverly Wathen
1634 Sherwood Drive
Owensboro, KY 42301

Dear Beverly:

I have just learned that you will complete your term on the WKU Board of Regents. It has been a pleasure to have you as a member of this very important governing board for our university. Western is a campus that is advancing in so many positive ways and I know that your presence on our Board has helped us to continue to move forward to increasingly serve the needs of our students and communities and state, and to fulfill our mission with excellence.

I have particularly enjoyed the added opportunity to work with you as a member of the Academic Affairs committee. I have appreciated your suggestions and support and your contributions to enabling us to continue to reach higher and achieve the goals that President Ransdell and the Board have set for us.

If there is any way I can ever be of assistance to you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Barbara G. Burch
Provost and Vice President
for Academic Affairs

BGB:lp

xc: President Gary Ransdell
Ms. Elizabeth Esters
January 12, 2000

Mrs. Beverly Wathen
1634 Sherwood Dr.
Owensboro, KY 42301

Dear Mrs. Wathen:

As chairman of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University, I want to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Board of Regents and let you know how excited we are that you have made the commitment to serve.

There are a lot of exciting initiatives going on at Western and I am sure that over the next several weeks and months you will be learning more about them.

In the meantime, should you have any questions or need more information, feel free to contact the secretary of the Board, Liz Esters at 270-745-5394, president of Western Kentucky University, Gary Ransdell at 270-745-4346 or myself at 270-783-8080.

We look forward to meeting you at our next scheduled meeting on January 28, if not before.

Sincerely,

Cornelius A. Martin, Chairman
Board of Regents
Western Kentucky University

CC: Gary Ransdell
Board of Regents
Liz Esters
MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Board of Regents

Mr. Cornelius A. Martin, Chair
Ms. Kristen T. Bale, Vice Chair
Ms. Amanda Coates
Mr. Robert Earl Fischer
Ms. Joy Gramling

Ms. Lois Gray
Ms. Peggy W. Loafman
Professor Mary Ellen Miller
Mr. Ronald G. Sheffer
Mr. James B. Tennill, Jr.
Ms. Beverly H. Wathen

FROM: Liz Esters

SUBJECT: Performance Appraisal - President Gary Ransdell

You will recall that at the December 17 special Board meeting, Chairman Martin appointed a three-member committee charged with the responsibility for coordinating and facilitating the President's 1999 evaluation by the Board. That committee is comprised of Regents Bale, Loafman, and Sheffer with Ms. Loafman serving as Chair. The Committee was asked to complete this process in adequate time for the full Board to make a recommendation at the May meeting when the budget is presented. A meeting of this committee will be scheduled within the next several weeks to discuss this process. The appropriate forms and information will be forwarded to you following that meeting.

cc: President Gary Ransdell
Ms. Deborah Wilkins
To: Members of the Board of Regents
Fax #: 
Subject: Enclosed Editorial
Date: December 10, 1999
Pages: 2, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

I thought you would enjoy reading the very positive editorial from last night’s Daily News.

Have a great weekend.

From the desk of...

Liz Esters
Secretary, Board of Regents
Western Kentucky University
1 Big Red Way
Bowling Green, KY 42101
(502) 745-5394
Fax: (502) 745-4492
To: Mr. Howard Gray  
    Mr. Burns Mercer

Fax #: (606) 252-5300  
      (270) 422-4705

Subject: Enclosed
Date: December 10, 1999
Pages: 2, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

I thought the two of you would like to read the very positive editorial in last night's Daily News.

I miss each of you on the Board but appreciate the many contributions you made as Regents.

I hope you and yours have a wonderful holiday season.

From the desk of...

Liz Esters  
Secretary, Board of Regents  
Western Kentucky University  
1 Big Red Way  
Bowling Green, KY 42101

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Western worthy of boost in giving

For the new millennium, Western Kentucky University has increased more than 89 percent during the past two years.

Where we stand
Increased alumni giving doesn't just happen. Compliments go to Western President Gary Ransdell and his staff.

Hopefully, the new millennium will not change the rate of donations to Western Kentucky University. If so, university officials no doubt will wish the century was a few years longer.

This week, Western received its 11th gift of $1 million or more of the past two years. There is none prior to that in the school's history.

The latest gift comes from familiar donors, Raymond and Hattie Preston of Henderson, whose substantial, but undisclosed, gift in 1990 helped fund Raymond B. Preston Health and Activities Center.

The Prestons' latest gift will fund the completion of Western's intramural sports facility at Campbell Lane and Industrial Drive.

Eleven $1 million gifts do not just happen. Obviously, Western President Gary Ransdell and other officials are doing their best to encourage alumni donations. During President Ransdell's tenure, contributions have skyrocketed.

In fact, Western is in the midst of an unparalleled period of alumni giving.

Private support has increased more than 89 percent during the past two years. The university's endowment has grown from $20.6 million to $32 million during the past year and 10 new endowed faculty positions have been created.

While the private financial support has increased, the level of education at Western has remained high. The dedication of professors and quality of instruction is impressive. Anyone contributing can be assured they are giving to a quality university.

Columnist Sydney Harris once noted that the best place to live was in a small city with a good university that had a bad football team. (Mr. Harris, obviously, was not a sports fan.)

Although Western doesn't have that bad of a football team, there is a great deal of truth to Mr. Harris' statement, which means Bowling Green is one of the best places to live — in this millennium and in the next.
MEMORANDUM

TO:       WKU Board of Regents
          Mr. Cornelius Martin, Chair
          Ms. Amanda Coates
          Ms. Lois Gray
          Professor Mary Ellen Miller
          Mr. James B. Tennill, Jr.

FROM:    Gary A. Ransdell

SUBJECT: Kentucky Wesleyan

FYI, our facilities managers have spent most of the week of January 4-9 in Owensboro helping Kentucky Wesleyan recover from the damage incurred from the January 3 tornado. We will keep you posted if there are other ways in which we can serve Kentucky Wesleyan.

GAR:clk

xd/Ms. Liz Esters
January 7, 2000

Ms. Beverly Harper Wathen
1634 Sherwood Drive
Owensboro, KY 42301

Dear Ms. Wathen:

As Chair of the Council on Postsecondary Education, I am writing to congratulate you on your appointment to the Western Kentucky University Board of Regents and to express my enthusiasm for working with you in the coming years.

I urge you to attend the annual conference for governing board members and for members of the Council on Postsecondary Education. The conference is the only gathering of the lay leaders of Kentucky public postsecondary education and is an opportunity to meet your counterparts around the state. This year’s conference will be held September 17-18 in Bowling Green. An orientation session for new board members will be held in conjunction with the conference. I hope you will put these dates on your calendar.

I look forward to working with you to continue improving postsecondary education in Kentucky.

Sincerely,

Charles Whitehead
Chair
January 11, 2000

Ms. Beverly H. Wathen
1634 Sherwood Drive
Owensboro, KY 42301

Dear Ms. Wathen:

Congratulations on your appointment to the Western Kentucky University Board of Regents. I look forward to working with you.

You can expect an agenda and materials packet for the January 28 meeting of the Board early next week. In the meantime, I am following several items for your review and orientation:

- *Challenging the Spirit* - WKU's Strategic Plan 1998-2003
- 1999-2000 Summary Budget
- Current undergraduate and graduate catalogs
- 1999 Spring Semester Bulletin
- 1999-2000 Student/Faculty/Staff Telephone Directory
- Prospectus of the new Instructional Technology and Communication Center (for which ground will be broken in the spring)

- Copies of President Ransdell's memos to the Board dates, December 13, 17, and January 3
- Two WKU Theatre Season Coupons for 19998-2000
- Regents Parking Decal # 0012 - [Please return signed card to me.]
- Card listing of Board of Regents (being updated to include you!)
- Quick Facts card about WKU which lists the 2000 Legislative Priorities
- Brochure on the Alumni Grant Program
- Informational brochure on President Ransdell
Ms. Beverly H. Wathen  
Page 2  
January 11, 2000

While I do not wish to overwhelm you with information overload, I trust you will find this information helpful as you begin your tenure on the Board.

I look forward to getting better acquainted with you on January 28. Please do not hesitate to let me know how I may be of assistance to you in this important role.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Liz Esters

Enclosures

cc: Dr. Gary Ransdell
EXECUTIVE ORDER

99-1713

December 22, 1999

Secretary of State
Frankfort
Kentucky

By virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 164.321 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, I, Paul E. Patton, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby appoint Beverly Harper Wathen, 1634 Sherwood Drive, Owensboro, Kentucky 42301, as a member of the Western Kentucky University Board of Regents, to replace Sara Lyle Hulse, Owensboro, who has resigned. Mrs. Wathen shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term ending June 30, 2003.

Please issue a commission to her.

[Signature]
PAUL E. PATTON, Governor
Commonwealth of Kentucky

[Signature]
JOHN Y. BROWN III
Secretary of State
To: Board of Regents
Fax #: 
Subject: Attached
Date: January 4, 2000
Pages: 2, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

GARY A. RANSDELL
President
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, KY 42101
502/745-4346 • Fax 502/745-4492
gary.ransdell@wku.edu

To: Regents
Admin. Council
Re: New Regent

Beverly is a 1958 WKU alumnus with a degree in Music. We look forward to welcoming her to our meeting on Jan. 28.

From the desk of...

Liz Esters
Secretary, Board of Regents
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
INFORMATION FOR UNIVERSITY BOARDS AND POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION COUNCIL

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Memberships in Organizations:
- Graduate - George Peabody League, Nashville, Tenn
- Owensboro Junior League, Leadership Owensboro
- Urban County Charter Commission 1989-90
- Community Relations Committee of The Foundation of Owensboro Mercy Health System
- Urban County Charter Commission 1989-90

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY? No. IF YES, PLEASE INDICATE CHARGE, DATE AND PLACE.

REFERENCES (List two persons not related to you, whom you have known for at least one year)

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CURRENT RESUME MAY ALSO BE SENT

DATE: 11/19/1999

SIGNATURE: Beverly H. Wathen
Coping from a broken home, I would have never been able to go to college had it not been for the music scholarship that Western offered me in 1954.

It sent me to Owensboro where I taught in the public schools and later to my own piano studio where I taught for over thirty years. It gave me the confidence to have a successful marriage and raise two wonderful daughters. It let me give back to a community that has been so good to me. What degree of success that I have had through that education that I received at Western boosted my commitment to volunteerism in Owensboro and Daviess County.

For these reasons, I would be honored to represent Daviess County as a regent at Western Kentucky University.

[Signature]

Nov 29, 1999