Required statutory notice having been given, a special meeting of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University was held in the Regents Conference Room of the Wetherby Administration Building on the Western campus. The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m., CDT, by Ms. Peggy Loafman, Chair.

AGENDA ITEM 2 - Invocation

The invocation was given by Dr. Jackie Addington, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs.

AGENDA ITEM 3 - Roll Call

Ms. Kristen T. Bale
Mr. Robert Earl Fischer
Ms. N. Joy Gramling
Mr. C. C. Howard Gray
Ms. Peggy W. Loafman
Mr. Cornelius A. Martin
Dr. Ray M. Mendel
Ms. Kristen Miller
Mr. Raymond B. Preston (arrived late)

Mr. Burns E. Mercer and Mr. Fred N. Mudge were absent.

Others present were Dr. Barbara G. Burch, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Interim President; Mrs. Liz Esters, Staff Assistant and Secretary to the Board of Regents; Dr. Charles Anderson, Vice President for Information Technology; Dr. James Ramsey, Vice President for Finance and Administration; Mr. Fred Hensley, Vice President for Institutional Advancement; Dr. Jerry W. Wilder, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Ms. Deborah Wilkins, University Counsel.

Resolutions of Appreciation for Legislators were read and presented to Speaker of the House Jody Richards, Senator Nick Kafoglis, Representative Rob Wilkey, and Senator Richie Sanders for their help in passing the Governor's Higher Education Act of 1997.

Motion for approval of these resolutions as well as resolutions for Representative
Roger Thomas and Representative Steve Nunn who were not in attendance was made by
Mr. Preston, seconded by Ms. Bale and carried unanimously. Note: Copies are attached to
the minutes as Exhibit A.

In keeping with the policy of the Board, the agenda for
items thereon had been mailed in advance of the meeting
to members of the Board.

AGENDA ITEM 4 - Disposition of minutes

Minutes of the Executive Committee, March 10, 1997 (as corrected) and March
20, 1997; the Presidential Search Committee of March 24, 1997, and the Special Board
Meeting of April 7, 1997 were presented by Chairman Loafman. Motion for approval
was made by Mr. Fischer, seconded by Ms. Bale, and passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5 - Committee reports:

5.1 Facilities Oversight Committee, Mr. Cornelius A. Martin

Update on recommendation for authorization of an expenditure
of $650,000 from the University Reserve for heating/air-conditioning
project at the Agricultural Exposition Center

Mr. Martin reported that the Committee met May 19 at the Agricultural
Exposition Center and discussed the options available to air condition the facility. The
Committee discussed a lot of different initiatives that are under current study and
discussion. The Committee feels very confident that, hopefully, the project can be
completed without using funds from the University reserve. The Committee will meet
again in the near future; and hopefully have a full-blown presentation of the
recommendation by the next meeting. Mr. Martin stated that he, "felt very good about
what came out of the meeting."

5.2 Finance Committee

In the absence of Mr. Mercer, the report of the Finance Committee was given by
Mr. Earl Fischer.

5.2.1 Recommendation for approval of the 1997-98 Combined Budgets.

BACKGROUND

At its April 29, 1997 meeting, the Board of Regents was presented
with Budget in Brief which is a document that outlines the major revenue and
expenditure policy issues for the 1997-98 budget. The Board gave its preliminary
approval of the 1997-98 budget. Salary letters have been distributed with the
caveat of final approval of the budget by the Board.

Board members were mailed copies of the proposed 1997-98.
Combined Budgets. It is noted that the budget document includes a new section of “Narrative.” This section has been added to provide for a more direct link between planning (i.e., 1997-98 Operational Plan) and the allocation of resources.

Dr. Ramsey reported that, as a result of the passage of the Governor's Higher Education Improvement Act of 1997, Western is eligible for approximately $761,000 in additional funding for next year. Plans for allocation of the additional funding will be under way immediately, and this will be a topic for discussion at the July Board meeting.

Following a presentation by Dr. James Ramsey, Vice President for Finance and Administration, motion for approval of the recommended budget was made by Dr. Mendel, seconded by Ms. Bale and carried unanimously.

5.2.2 Recommendation for approval of the 1998-2000 capital budget request

BACKGROUND

At the Board of Regents April 29, 1997 meeting, Western Kentucky University’s 1996-2002 Six-year Capital Plan was presented. The Board was asked to accept the Six-year Plan and the priorities established in the Plan. The 1996-2002 Six-year Capital Plan represents the first step toward requesting funding and authorization for projects from the 1998 General Assembly. The Six-year Capital Plan, however, is a planning document only.

The 1998-2000 capital budget request represents the first two years of the Six-year Plan for Western. Exhibit B summarizes the capital projects (i.e., capital construction and equipment) that are being recommended for funding in the next biennium.

The University must submit a 1998-2000 capital budget request in order to bring projects forward for funding consideration by the Council on Higher Education, the Governor, and the General Assembly. The biennial budget capital request is to be submitted to the Council on Higher Education by July 1, 1997. The Council will make funding recommendations in November 1997.

Dr. James Ramsey explained the recommendation and pointed out that the Glasgow campus project is listed in the recommendation as Priority Item Number 41 with the dollar amount of $9,360,000 and suggested that maybe this should be revised to be consistent with the discussion and presentation to the Governor based on the resolution passed at the April 29 Board meeting pertaining to the Glasgow Campus. Following discussion regarding the appropriate priority order for the Renovation of Glasgow Campus, motion was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Ms. Bale to amend the Capital Budget Request to move the Renovation of Glasgow Campus to Priority Order #5 with requested funds amended to $5.5 million. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion for approval of the 1998-2000 Capital Budget Request, as amended, was
made by Mr. Preston, seconded by Ms. Bale, and carried unanimously.

It was noted that the 1998-2000 Capital Budget Request, if needed can be further amended.

**Note:** A copy of the amended 1998-2000 Capital Budget Request is attached to the minutes as Exhibit B.

5.2.3 Recommendation for approval to increase the scope of two previously-approved capital construction projects (funding from Auxiliary Reserve) as follows:

- Replace Florence Schneider Roof $22,500
- Replace Central Hall Chiller and Cooling Tower $61,900

**BACKGROUND:**

On October 25, 1996, the Board of Regents approved an allocation of $133,000 for the roof replacement at Schneider Hall. Subsequent engineering studies have revealed, however, that the cornice also needs repair which can be done as part of the roof project. To not do the cornice work with the roof project would result in a significantly higher cost to repair the cornice as a separate project later.

On May 1, 1996, the Board of Regents approved an allocation of $170,000 for the replacement of the Central Hall Chiller and Cooling Tower. Phase A estimate by the design consultant requires that the project scope be increased $61,900 to proceed with bidding of the project. Projected increased asbestos abatement costs and increased equipment costs constitute the majority of the increased costs.

Following an explanation by Mr. John Osborne, Vice President for Finance and Administration, on the recommendation, motion for approval was made by Mr. Gray, seconded by Ms. Bale, and carried unanimously.

5.2.4 Consideration of an institutional review

**Background:**

During the April 29, 1997, meeting of the Board of Regents, a discussion took place in closed session concerning hiring a consultant to perform an institutional review. No action was taken by the Board in closed session on this issue; however, a motion was made relative to this discussion when the Board reconvened in open session. The discussion of this issue in closed session was inadvertent; and in order to demonstrate the Board's commitment to compliance with the Open Meetings Law, the public and the media were advised that no action would be taken on the motion.

Ms. Bale moved that the Board give authority to the Executive Committee of the Board to gather further information regarding the desirability of contracting for an institutional review, evaluate the references of various contractors, and award the contract to a firm if the Executive Committee determines that is the desirable course of action.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Preston, and carried unanimously.
In discussion that followed on the need for an institutional review, Ms. Bale stated, "With the change of administration, it's timely to not only attract a future President but also to let this President know that the Board is committed to setting a new course, new procedures, new processes, and maybe it's time to show our real concern for that by conducting an institutional review." 

Mr. Preston added, "It's an opportunity to give the new President a chance to know exactly where he stands and what we feel are priority items. It gives him a chance to make a clean start."

Mr. Fischer expressed a concern that an out-of-state consultant might not be able to grasp everything that is in the Governor's Higher Education Bill as it relates to the higher education process at the universities in the state.

Motion for acceptance of the Finance Committee report was made by Mr. Preston, seconded by Ms. Bale, and carried.

5.3 Presidential Search Committee, Mr. Cornelius A. Martin

Mr. Martin reported the Search Committee will convene following lunch at approximately 12:30 p.m. to discuss the interview process and to train for the interviews which will be taking place offsite June 6-7.

AGENDA ITEM 6 - Recommendation to entertain and consider a resolution adopted by the Student Government Association and endorsed by Regent Kristen Miller, that the University's Statement of Non-discrimination be modified to include "sexual orientation"

**Background:**

Following is a Resolution passed by the Student Government Association (second reading) April 15, 1997.

Resolution 97-7-S

Adding sexual orientation in the non-discrimination policy

March 12, 1997

PURPOSE: For the University to include sexual orientation in its non-discrimination policy

WHEREAS: WKU's non-discrimination policy presently does not state that gays, lesbians, and bisexuals are recognized as a group paralleled with other minorities on Western's campus, and

WHEREAS: other prominent institutions such as the University of Kentucky, Transylvania University, University of Louisville, and Vanderbilt University have implemented clauses citing sexual orientation in their non-discrimination policies, and
WHEREAS: it is the University's responsibility to ensure the rights of all persons affiliated to Western Kentucky University.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that we the members of the Student Government Association do hereby recommend that sexual orientation be added to the University's non-discrimination policy.

AUTHOR: Michael Croley
Josh Detre
Stephanie Cosby
Rick Malek

SPONSOR: Student Affairs

Kristen Miller stated, "Other universities in our area and in our State have included this in their nondiscrimination policies. This is something we would like to add because we thought in Student Government that Western is changing, and it is moving. We've talked about how we've progressed and how we hope to become even more progressive, and I feel that we can not only be academically progressive, we can't leave behind the fact that as Western changes, our student body will change, and we need also to progress socially."

Ms. Gramling made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gray and carried.

AGENDA ITEM 7 - President's Report

Dr. Barbara G. Burch reported on the following items:

- Property Acquisition Checklist (Draft) was distributed to Board members in their packet. This checklist is an attempt to address the lack of clear process in terms of property acquisition. The intent of the draft is to not only clarify the procedure for review but to insure that anyone involved in the process of decision-making about acquisition of property would have all of the information that might exist relative to that property. (Exhibit C.)

- Senate Resolution that acknowledged contributions of Dr. Thomas Meredith to higher education and to the state;

- Summer Enrollment is currently up 6.37% up (341 students) as of June 2.

- Cornelius Martin was recognized as the Black Enterprise 1997 Auto Dealer of the Year. Congratulations were extended to Mr. Martin.

- Asked Dr. James Ramsey for an overview on the Higher Education Act of 1991 and its impact on Western Kentucky University

Ms. Bale reported that her mother-in-law, who is an adjunct professor at Western and who has been instrumental in creating the Robert Penn Warren Center has been named Kentucky's Poet Laureate serving a two-year commission. Mr. Gray's mother, Ms. Lois
Gray will receive the Tim Lee Carter Award.

Mr. Fischer made a motion that the Board of Regents go into closed session for discussion of individual personnel matters pursuant to KRS 61.810(1) involving the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual matter. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bale and carried.

The Board, accompanied by Dr. Burch, Ms. Esters, and Ms. Wilkins went into closed session at approximately 11:25 a.m.

Returning from closed session at approximately 12:40 p.m., Chair Loafman stated, “During the closed session, the Board discussed only matters within the scope of the motion, took no formal action and made no decisions.”

Motion for adjournment was made by Ms. Bale, seconded by Ms. Miller, and carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:40 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF SECRETARY

I hereby certify that the minutes herein above set forth an accurate record of votes and actions taken by the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University in a special meeting held on June 5, 1997, in the Regents Conference Room of the Wetherby Administration Building on the Western campus, and further certify that the meeting was held in compliance with KRS 61.810, 61.815, 61.820, and 61.825 (enacted as Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of House Bill 100, 1974 Regular Session, General Assembly).

Elizabeth W. Esters
Secretary

Peggy W. Loafman
Chair
July 28, 1997
EXHIBIT A

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, higher education is critical to the long-term economic future of the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, numerous efforts have been made in recent years to reform and improve higher education in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, in 1996 the Kentucky General Assembly created the Task Force on Postsecondary Education; and

WHEREAS, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky served as a Co-Chair of the Task Force on Postsecondary Education; and

WHEREAS, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky has long been an advocate for the enhancement of higher education in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky played a critical leadership role in both the Task Force on Postsecondary Education and the development of the Higher Education Improvement Act of 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky took a lead position in promoting the enactment and passage of the Higher Education Improvement Act of 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky reaffirmed his commitment both to the enhancement of higher education opportunities in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and to the state's long-term economic future; and

WHEREAS, the Western Kentucky University Board of Regents is committed to playing a lead in the role in the implementation of the Higher Education Reform Act of 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Western Kentucky University Board of Regents wishes to recognize the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky for his continued devotion, commitment, and efforts on behalf of higher education in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this fifth day of June 1997 that the Western Kentucky University Board of Regents expresses its sincere appreciation to Jody Richards for his continued efforts on behalf of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, higher education is critical to the long-term economic future of the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the 1996 Kentucky General Assembly created the Task Force on Postsecondary Education; and

WHEREAS, Senator Nick Kafoglis has served on the Task Force on Postsecondary Education; and

WHEREAS, Senator Nick Kafoglis has long been an advocate for higher education in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Senator Nick Kafoglis has shown outstanding and exemplary leadership in the Kentucky General Assembly in the enactment of the Kentucky Higher Education Improvement Act of 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Western Kentucky University Board of Regents wishes to recognize and commend Senator Nick Kafoglis for his devotion, commitment, and efforts on behalf of higher education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this fifth day of June 1997 that the Western Kentucky University Board of Regents recognizes Senator Nick Kafoglis for his outstanding contributions to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, higher education is critical to the long-term economic future of the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, as a newly-elected member of the Kentucky House of Representatives, Representative Rob Wilkey played a leadership role in the enactment of the Higher Education Improvement Act of 1997; and

WHEREAS, Representative Rob Wilkey represents the people of southcentral Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Representative Rob Wilkey has shown his devotion, commitment, and efforts on behalf of higher education; and

WHEREAS, the Western Kentucky University Board of Regents wishes to recognize and commend Representative Rob Wilkey for his devotion, commitment, and efforts on behalf of higher education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this fifth day of June 1997 that the Western Kentucky University Board of Regents recognizes Representative Rob Wilkey for his outstanding contributions to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, higher education is critical to the long-term economic future of the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Senator Richie Sanders of the Kentucky General Assembly supported the enactment of the Higher Education Improvement Act of 1997; and

WHEREAS, Senator Richie Sanders has provided valuable service to southcentral Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Senator Richie Sanders has been devoted and committed to Western Kentucky University; and

WHEREAS, the Western Kentucky University Board of Regents wishes to recognize and commend Senator Richie Sanders for his efforts on behalf of higher education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this fifth day of June 1997 that the Western Kentucky University Board of Regents recognizes Senator Richie Sanders for his contributions to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, higher education is critical to the long-term economic future of the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Representative Steve Nunn of the Kentucky House of Representatives played a leadership role in the enactment of the Higher Education Improvement Act of 1997; and

WHEREAS, Representative Steve Nunn has served the people of southcentral Kentucky including Glasgow and Barren County, home of the Western Kentucky University Extended Campus; and

WHEREAS, Representative Steve Nunn has shown his devotion, commitment, and efforts on behalf of higher education; and

WHEREAS, the Western Kentucky University Board of Regents wishes to recognize and commend Representative Steve Nunn for his devotion, commitment, and efforts on behalf of higher education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this fifth day of June 1997 that the Western Kentucky University Board of Regents recognizes Representative Steve Nunn for his outstanding contributions to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, higher education is critical to the long-term economic future of the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Representative Roger Thomas of the Kentucky House of Representatives played a leadership role in the enactment of the Higher Education Improvement Act of 1997; and

WHEREAS, Representative Roger Thomas has served the people of Warren County and southcentral Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Representative Roger Thomas has shown his devotion, commitment, and efforts on behalf of higher education; and

WHEREAS, the Western Kentucky University Board of Regents wishes to recognize and commend Representative Roger Thomas for his devotion, commitment, and efforts on behalf of higher education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this fifth day of June 1997 that the Western Kentucky University Board of Regents recognizes Representative Roger Thomas for his outstanding contributions to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Barbara Burch  
Interim President

FROM: James R. Ramsey  
Vice President for Finance and Administration

DATE: May 12, 1997

SUBJECT: Property

Given some of the recent questions raised concerning the acquisition of property, perhaps we should go on the offensive and propose to the Board of Regents at the June 5 meeting a policy for property acquisition. Further, perhaps we could propose that a subcommittee of the Finance Committee review property acquisition and make recommendations to the full Board. This may sound bureaucratic but this will offer us protection in the future. The Western Kentucky University Foundation has a separate property committee; I don’t think we need that since a subcommittee of the Finance Committee could deal with the few property acquisition issues that arise.

Attached for your review is a draft questionnaire that could offer some comfort to the Board of Regents that we have developed a process and procedure to deal with these issues as we move forward.

JRR:ttc

Attachment

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Property Acquisition Checklist
to be provided
Chair, Finance Committee

1. Where is the property located? _______________________________________

2. Is this property located within the University's current Campus Master Plan?
   Yes___  No___
   If No, basis for consideration: _______________________________________

3. What would be the intended use for the property?
   _______________________________________

4. Did the University approach the owner of the property concerning gifting the property to the University?
   Yes___  No___

5. If the University purchases the property, is statutory authority required?
   Yes___  No___
   Is Council on Postsecondary Education approval required?
   Yes___  No___

6. Has an appraisal for the property been obtained (Please attach to this checklist)? Purchase cost of property: ____________
   Yes___  No___

7. Are there environmental/hazardous waste issues concerning the property?
   Yes___  No___
   If Yes, explain: ________________________________________________
   Anticipated costs to campus of ownership?
   Immediate: ____________________________________________________
   Long Term: ___________________________________________________

8. What is the source of funds to be used to purchase the property?
   _______________________________________________________________

9. What is the timing of the acquisition of the property?
   _______________________________________________________________

10. Has the property and all documentation been reviewed by Legal Counsel, Budget Director, and Vice President for Finance and
    Administration?
    Yes___  No___

11. The using Department on campus (Intended use)
    ________________________________