Memorandum To: Executive Committee, Board of Regents
From: Student Advisory Committee
Concerning: Appointment of a President to Western Kentucky University

The Student Advisory Committee acknowledges the vast responsibility that accompanies the appointment of an advisory-screening committee to assist the Board of Regents in the selection of a new President. Speaking on behalf of the student body, we would like to thank you for the opportunity to express our ideas.

Our committee has tried to cohere the thoughts of a majority of our cohorts rather than to selfishly reflect the thoughts of just three students. The following page represents what we believe to be the qualifications (both professional and personal) that the President of Western should possess. We have tried to accept our responsibility in a fashion befitting of the university.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Gerard III
Student Regent

William H. Straffer
Past President, Associated Students

Laurence J. Zielke
President, Associated Students
Qualifications

I. Professional

1. Wide experience and proven ability in university administration and preferably devoted his life's work to education.

2. Aware of the contemporary complexities and potentialities of the university community.

3. Especially dedicated to further developing the academic aspect of the university.

4. Places the university before his personal glorification.

5. Accessible and receptive to students, faculty, alumni.

6. Considers all aspects of a problem and while being deliberate acts in a reasonable amount of time.

7. Possesses foresight.

8. Doctoral degree.

II. Personal

1. Under fifty years of age and married.

2. A person who can accept criticism and be receptive to all viewpoints whether they be student, alumni, administration, faculty, or community citizens.

3. Possesses a sense of humor.

4. Articulate and expresses his ideas clearly, both publicly and privately.

5. High integrity.

6. A person who does not flatter wealth, cringe before power, or boast of his own possession or achievement.

7. Thinks of the rights and feeling of others rather than his own.