

Preamble: academic mission should be the primary goal of a university. It is accomplished through interaction between faculty, staff and students working together to achieve.....

The primary mission of the Western Kentucky University is sustaining excellence in academics. A university at its core is grounded in the relationship between students and faculty in pursuit of learning and growth. In these difficult times it is essential we protect the academic mission by supporting the success of those students and faculty. We propose the Search Committee should consider the following as criteria for the selection of the next President in order to sustain and continue WKU's excellence.

1. Proven leadership in academic affairs and experience as teaching faculty
2. Values faculty and allocates appropriate resources to support faculty work
3. Focus on academics [too vague?]
4. *Appreciates and values the role of a comprehensive university and the people it serves; OR appreciates and values the success of faculty and students [trying to avoid "comprehensive university" and "liberal arts education"] [is it now repetitive with #2]*
5. Demonstrated experience in successful budgeting and planning, including the capacity to implement a strategic and realistic budget.

Something about... sustainable stewardship?

... shows constraint when pursuing new opportunities

OR

Demonstrated experience with successful budgeting and planning including implementing a strategic and realistic budget that values/protects the academic mission

6. Experienced leader who supports a shared governance environment, that includes faculty, staff and student input

((add something either to preamble and/or list about valuing diversity???)