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Good afternoon faculty members!

I have a class that meets every Thursday at this time this semester, so I regret not being able to be present. With that said, my report will be brief.

I was very happy to see the Student Senate pass resolution 1-16-S, a resolution to support a salary increase for WKU faculty and staff members. While it wasn't without debate, this resolution demonstrates SGA's willingness to stand in solidarity with the faculty and staff. And despite the ominous budget cuts in the near future, faculty and staff compensation should still remain our university's top funding priority.

SGA also anticipates lobbying in Frankfort before March 1, but we are still establishing an official date. WKU SGA is absolutely committed to lobbying for a 100% replenishment of lottery funding for need-based financial aid as well as opposing the 4.5% and 9% budget cuts in the future.

Additionally, I will be authoring a resolution very soon opposing the legislation in Frankfort concerning a tuition freeze. While this sounds very appealing to many students, I firmly believe it is not in students' best interest to sever a substantial amount of revenue to keep the lights on at WKU. If we want WKU to last for years to come, it is going to require all of us standing together and taking our share of cuts. I do not want the students to back down from this responsibility.

Thank you, and please let me know if you have any questions.

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