

Resolution to Make Academic Affairs the Top Priority in the University Budget

Whereas, without academics, we do not have a university;

Whereas, without appropriate financial commitment, Academic Affairs is unable to recruit and retain quality faculty, maintain quality programs and subsequently enhance enrollment;

Whereas, President Timothy Caboni has stated on multiple occasions that “a budget is a value statement”;

Whereas, the University has faced a decrease in enrollment and in state appropriations and Academic Affairs has seen the most dramatic budgetary declines as a result;

Whereas, the University Senate for more than a decade questioned the university’s budgeting process with regard to protecting the academic mission and was ignored;

Whereas, WKU has new leadership and thus a new opportunity to reinvigorate that academic mission;

Therefore, be it resolved that President Caboni and the WKU Board of Regents ensure Academic Affairs and its mission is THE institutional priority within University budgets.