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Date: April 1, 2013  
To: Faculty Senate  
From: Louisa Ann Marie Summers, Ph.D.  
RE: COSFL - report

Good day Senators,

COSFL has not met since February 25, 2013. However, there has been a considerable amount of discussion via the list serve regarding the funding resolution put forward by WKU. Morehead State University and the University of Louisville both adopted similar resolutions at their faculty senate meetings in March. In addition, both Universities came to the same conclusion regarding the timing of the proposal to the state government. All three seem to agree that the resolution is a good idea; however the timing if wrong. The state government is currently in the middle of a budget biennium and the General Assembly won't consider a budget until next year. The University of Louisville will start working with legislators in late summer or early fall. On the next page of the report is a review of the WKU resolution.

The next COSFL meeting will be a joint meeting held with the Kentucky state chapter of AAUP and the state AAUP chapter of Tennessee.

The meeting will be:  
Saturday April 20, 2013  
When: 10:00am – 5:00pm  
Where: Tennessee State University

All faculty are invited to attend. Many will be driving down for the day. If you are interested please contact me via email. Louisa. [Summers@eku.edu](mailto:Louisa.Summers@eku.edu).

Respectfully,  
*Louisa Ann Marie Summers*  
Louisa A.M. Summers, Ph.D.



## **Resolution of the Faculty Senate in Defense of Public Access to Affordable Higher Education**

February 13, 2013

WHEREAS WKU is an institution of higher learning affiliated with and ultimately administered by the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS The Commonwealth of Kentucky has continued, year after year, to reduce funding for WKU; and

WHEREAS The faculty of WKU is gravely concerned that reductions in state funding have reached a critical point that may severely hamper the ability of WKU to fulfill its mission; and

WHEREAS The Commonwealth of Kentucky continues to tie future funding for WKU to requirements and benchmarks that are not attainable without those necessary funds withheld from us; and

WHEREAS This lack of available funds has forced administrators at WKU to make difficult decisions that pass costs on to students that has severely eroded the ability of students to complete degrees in a timely matter or, in some cases, has prevented students from attending WKU at all; be it

RESOLVED THAT WKU faculty implore the Kentucky Legislature and the Governor of Kentucky to exhibit political courage and make funding decisions that more effectively safeguard the welfare of our students and enhance rather than inhibit their ability to attend our university and complete their degrees in a timely matter.

