

## Resolution on Budgeting Priorities at Eastern Kentucky University

**Whereas** the duty of the members of the EKU Board of Regents as established by KRS 164.350 (2) is to “conform to the strategic agenda” of the university and “evaluate the institution's progress in implementing its missions, goals, and objectives.”

**Whereas** KRS 164.350 (2) requires the Board of Regents to “assure that the budget planning and implementation processes are consistent with the adopted strategic agenda and biennial budget and with the missions of the institutions within the system.”

**Whereas** the EKU Strategic Plan: *Make No Little Plans: A Vision for 2020* clearly establishes “Academic excellence [as] the cornerstone of the university’s mission.”

### **THEREFORE**

**4. Be it Resolved**, that the EKU Faculty Senate calls for the protection of the university’s academic mission from excessive budget cuts that might create imbalances in funding support by shifting university priorities away from its central mission, and accordingly, academic segments of EKU must be the lowest priority for budget cuts.

**5. Be it Resolved**, that the Faculty Senate calls for the EKU Board of Regents to pay very close attention, not only to individual items under consideration for budget cuts, but also to the resulting balance of shared sacrifice in non-academic sectors of the university, and that the resulting 2017-18 budget will maintain academics at no less than 51% of the university budget.

**6. Be it Resolved**, that the EKU Faculty Senate also advocates for the protection of the lowest-paid and most financially vulnerable employees, and discourages the university from outsourcing basic support services.