

RESOLUTION: "FUTURES COMMITTEE"

At its meeting on Friday May 7, the Senate Council Committee on the Future of the University, George Herring, Chair, asked that the following be put on the Senate Council agenda for Monday May 10.

At its meeting on Monday, May 10, the Senate Council voted to bring this resolution to the Senate floor, without recommendation, at a special meeting on 17 May.

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The Futures Committee urges the Senate Council to take the following steps:

- (1) Approve the resolution attached below
- (2) Investigate the legality of the actions taken and the procedures used by the Board of Trustees on May 4 in extending the contract of President Charles Wethington
- (3) At the earliest possible date, present a copy of this resolution to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees

We, the Senate Council of the University of Kentucky, wish to express our dismay and outrage with the actions taken by the University's Board of Trustees at its meeting on Tuesday May 4, 1999. In extending the contract of President Charles Wethington beyond the mandatory retirement date of June 30, 2001, the board acted without prior notice and without consideration for the opinions of the various constituencies that make up the university. The procedures used to take this decision violated the spirit and the letter of university regulations and the open process by which a university should be run.

We do not believe that the extension of President Wethington's contract beyond the mandatory retirement age is in the best interests of the university, and we deplore the results of this action as well as the methods used.

We urge the Board of Trustees to reverse this decision at its next meeting.