



**Northern Kentucky University**  
**Board of Regents Materials**

**May 18, 2016**

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**AGENDA**  
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**Board of Regents Meeting**  
**NKU, Student Union 104 – Wednesday, May 18, 2016– 3:00 p.m.**

**3:00 p.m.**

- Call to Order
- Roll Call

**A. Presidential Recommendations:**

1. FY 2016-2017 Budget Approval
2. Values and Ethical Responsibilities Statement Recommendation

**B. Executive Session**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Regents approve the following resolution establishing and approving the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Annual Unrestricted Operating Budget for Northern Kentucky University.

**Recommendation relating to Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget, Northern Kentucky University, Board of Regents, May 18, 2016:**

Be it resolved that, upon due consideration of the recommendation of the President, the Annual Unrestricted Operating Budget for Northern Kentucky University is hereby established and approved in an amount totaling \$217,500,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017.

The President is authorized to approve adjustments between the budget authorizations when such action appears, in his judgment, to represent the best interests of the University. However, any adjustment that alters the Annual Unrestricted Operating Budget authorization of \$217,500,000 shall be submitted to this Board for approval at its next regular meeting.

In the event that unrestricted sources of funds are not sufficient to equal projected unrestricted expenditures, the President shall take appropriate measures to reduce budgeted expenditure authorizations by amounts sufficient to insure that unrestricted expenditures do not exceed authorized unrestricted sources of funds.

In the incurrence of financial obligations and the expenditure and disbursement of University funds available under this authorization, all University units and University personnel or agents shall adhere to and observe applicable laws, regulations, and policies of both the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the University, which govern and control the expenditure of funds. Administrators of the various units shall not authorize nor incur any financial obligation in excess of the budget authorizations.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Regents approve the proposed addendum to the Values and Ethical Responsibilities Statement.

**BACKGROUND:**

In April 2016, the Board of Regents approved revisions to the Values and Ethical Responsibilities Statement. The Board of Regents deleted one paragraph from the document because of concerns with a possible conflict with an existing policy. Since the April 2016 Board meeting, the Faculty Senate Professional Concerns Committee and the Staff Congress have approved the following language to replace the previously deleted paragraph.

The freedom of speech of community members includes the freedom to express their views on matters having to do with their institution and its policies. This freedom should be accorded – and rights to it protected – because grounds for thinking an institutional policy desirable or undesirable must be heard and assessed if the community is to have confidence that its policies are appropriate. ~~Protecting the academic freedom on campus requires ensuring that a particular instance of faculty speech will be subject to discipline only where that speech violates some central principle of academic morality, as, for example, where it is found to be fraudulent (academic freedom does not protect plagiarism and deceit). Protecting academic freedom also requires ensuring that faculty status turns on a faculty member's views only where the holding of those views clearly supports a judgment of competence or incompetence. The faculty protection for Academic Freedom is described in Section III, Items A-D, in the Faculty Policies and Procedures Handbook, which is incorporated herein by reference.~~

The red line document reflects the changes to the April 2016 proposed paragraph that was deleted by the Board of Regents. Upon approval, this new paragraph will be inserted into the Values and Ethical Responsibilities statement in the section and location where the previous paragraph was deleted.