

A RESOLUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KY, REQUESTING THE PURCHASE OF A SECOND VICTOR E. VIKING MASCOT SUIT TO BETTER REPRESENT NKU IN ALL ATHLETIC, CAMPUS, ADMISSIONS, COMMUNITY, AND PROMOTIONAL EVENTS.

WHEREAS: Victor E. Viking is the mascot and the face of Northern Kentucky University [NKU] and plays an integral role in all university related functions such as athletics, admissions, campus life, student organizations, community service, marketing, promotions, and various off-campus events, and

WHEREAS: Benji Gray, the National Mascot Coordinator for the Universal Cheerleaders Association, recommends that, " Some [mascot] suits/suit parts may need to be re-furbished after one year while some may last longer. Every suit should be replaced after four years, at the latest," and

WHEREAS: There have been a number of events that the NKU mascot has been requested to attend, but due to separate conflicting events was unable to attend, and

WHEREAS: The mascot was absent from the 2010 NCAA Division II Soccer Championship game because of the requirement to be at home basketball games on the same night, and

WHEREAS: Individuals sharing the same mascot suit risk health hazards that include dermal and respiratory infections, and

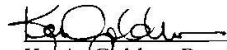
WHEREAS: Many comparable institutions of NKU's size have adopted multiple mascot suits in their spirit programs. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for example has three separate suits and is a benchmark institution to NKU according to the Office of Planning, Budget and Policy, and

WHEREAS: In the event of an emergency, such as the current mascot suit being stolen or lost, a second backup mascot suit ought to be readily available for immediate replacement, and

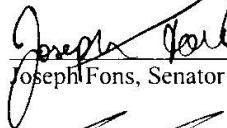
WHEREAS: The current condition of the mascot, Victor E. Viking, is six years old, dilapidated and in a state of disrepair.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, on this 28th day of March 2011, the Student Government Association requests the purchase of a second Victor E. Viking mascot suit to better represent NKU in all athletic, campus, admissions, community, and promotional events.

Signed:


Kevin Golden, President

Attest:


Joseph Fons, Senator


Paul Bell, Student Rights Committee Chair


Jamie Hazenfield Jr., Legislative Liaison