The Board met last Thursday afternoon at the Kentucky History Center in Frankfort. The Governor spoke to us for a few minutes at the beginning of the meeting, mostly just saying hello and reiterating the budget issues. After that, Board committees met briefly, followed by an even briefer Board meeting. The primary purpose of meeting in Frankfort was to provide a reception for legislators. All Board members attended, we had a very good turnout of legislators, and the conversations seemed to go very well. In fact, several Board members and legislators were still there with the President after the ending time.

All personnel recommendations passed without comment, including the individual salary adjustments for about 26 faculty as per the $50,000 we recommended last year. The mission statement for Model and the policy for students called to active military duty also passed without comment.

The contract for our current external auditors was extended for one year, with comment and motion from the Board that next year we have bids for a new provider. There seemed to be quite a bit of sentiment that we need to change then.

A naming policy for University properties, programs, and facilities was postponed until the next Board meeting, particularly so refinement of wording could occur.

The Board also received several reports, including a budget update, a report on voluntary support and grants, and an update on the Combs Hall renovation and development of the student wellness building. Rita Davis reported on a tentative plan to use the $7 million we now have for the student wellness building and place it behind the Moberly building. Dr. Davis and her committee have looked at buildings in the dollar range at Georgetown and elsewhere, and believe we can build a building that will do much of what has been planned and would allow additions to occur when money becomes available. The primary prompt for moving ahead was the fact the President became aware that we might lose the money is the building is not begun.