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Dear Faculty,

The Kentucky Board of Student Body Presidents (BSBP) is once again gearing up for their annual rally for higher education. This year the Board felt that it was important that the BSBP plan the rally date and associated events further in advance to give students, faculty, staff and administrators plenty of notice.

The events are as follows:

Listen-Up Legislators

On March 1, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Eastern Kentucky University will join all of the student governments from the other Kentucky state universities in encouraging students to phone or email their senator or representative. This event will take place on the North Corner of the Powell Student Center.

Annual Rally for Higher Education

On March 8, 2006 from 12:45 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. students from all over Kentucky will join together to collectively lobby for higher education at a statewide level in Frankfort. The rally theme this year is "Unbridled Potential – Keep Education Affordable". Featured speakers already include Treasurer Jonathan Miller and Secretary of State Trey Grayson. David Adkisson, President of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, may also speak at the rally representing present and future Kentucky businesses. Students will be encouraged to meet with their representatives and senators before the rally and possibly sit in on any committee meetings in the morning. The rally will once again be held in the Capitol Rotunda and travel will be arranged (probably buses).

Letter Drop-Off

"Beware of the Ides of March" ... On March 15, 2006 the Kentucky Board of Student Body Presidents will deliver hundreds or thousands of letters from Kentucky students and others concerned about Kentucky's future and higher education in Kentucky. This will require the support of the faculty and staff at each university to assign or reward students who participate in this activity. Faculty and staff would ideally have their students identify their representative and/or senator and would have them write a letter regarding higher education or another state issue of the student's choice. The faculty or staff members participating should at least require students to write a return address on the envelope so that the letter is more meaningful to the senator or representative. Faculty and staff may want to edit the letters for grammar, etc. The letters would ideally be sealed and submitted to faculty or staff members. Faculty or staff members would then send all of their student letters in a campus mail envelope to SGA at Powell 132 by March 6th. SGA will organize the letters and BSBP will deliver the letters or pay for the postage.

All of these activities will be beneficial to students at an academic level. Collectively, these actions will also be financially beneficial for students, faculty, staff, administrators and Kentucky. All of these events embody the spirit of civic engagement and all members of the university community should participate in some if not all of the activities. Lastly, faculty members can and should write letters too.

Thank you for your support,
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