

Whereas on April 21, 2005, the Faculty Senate passes the following resolution and received no official response from the university,

Whereas University employees are frequently required to travel as part of their employment,

Whereas faculty often lead field trips and study abroad trips outside the University campus,

Whereas other Universities and programs such as KIIS and CCSA provide liability insurance for faculty members,

Whereas faculty are only covered by a limited legal doctrine known as qualified official immunity, which is very limited in scope and to certain situations, such that 'individual employees of Western Kentucky University may, in limited circumstances, may be found personally liable for their actions, regardless of whether or not that action was completed in the scope of their employment.'

Whereas due to this limited coverage, employees are potentially exposed to excessive financial loss,

Whereas the University as an organization can purchase such insurance in the most cost effective manner,

And whereas faculty are increasingly being encouraged to provide students with engagement activities outside the classroom,

We re-submit this resolution and request an official response from the University administration by the March 19, 2009 senate meeting.