PRESIDENTIAL

**PROGRAM INFORMATION:**

The Bylaws of the Board of Regents, as amended May 15, 1998, state that “the Board of Regents has the principal responsibility of establishing the policies of WKU. The President, officers, faculty, and employees of WKU implement and carry out such policies.”

As stated in Western Kentucky University’s “Governing Statutes, Rules and Policies,” “the President is the chief executive and educational official of WKU and shall have full authority and responsibility over the administration of the academic, business, and fiscal operations of WKU…the President is authorized, as the chief executive and educational officer of WKU, to direct the day-to-day affairs of the institution, to make interim interpretations and applications of existing policies, rules, and regulations.”

President Ransdell’s specific priorities are clearly outlined in the University’s strategic plan process and in the President’s annual evaluation process. The 2011-12 University budget is designed to further the transformation of Western Kentucky University into “A Leading American University with International Reach,” and thus to advance the realization of the institution’s vision and mission. Budget priorities are clearly focused on the priorities outlined in the WKU Guide for 2010-12. Resources are being realized through tuition, state, federal, private philanthropic, contracted, and sponsored support to achieve this strategic transformation. Among the most important presidential priorities are academic quality, compensation and benefits for employees, and the physical rebuilding of the campus. Renovation and construction funds are being generated from WKU (tuition supported agency bonds), state bonds and trust funds, and private gifts.

The President is held responsible by the Board of Regents for planning and administering all programs and budgets for WKU. Administrative and planning responsibility for budgetary units is delegated by the President to members of the Administrative Council and by members of the Administrative Council to the deans, directors, and department heads.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

**2010-11 Revised Budget 2011-12 Proposed Budget**

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Educational and General

Personnel/Fringe Benefits 3.0 694,787 3.0 709,844

Operating Expenses 87,916 101,008

 Total Expenditures 782,703 810,852