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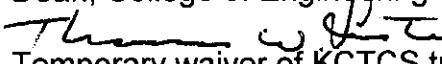
OFFICE OF THE SENATE COUNCIL

November 13, 2006

MEMORANDUM

TO: UK University Senate Chair

FROM: Thomas W. Lester
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RE: 
Temporary waiver of KCTCS transfer changes for Paducah students

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I would like to request a temporary waiver of a recent University Senate action related to the change in course transfer policy regarding students transferring to UK from KCTCS institutions. The College of Engineering has an extended campus in Paducah where we offer BS degree programs in Chemical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. These two programs function in collaboration with West Kentucky Community and Technical College and Murray State University. WKCTC provides the bulk of pre-engineering courses required in our curricula, so our Paducah engineering students' transcripts show all of these courses as transfer courses. The operation of these programs was given the full approval of the CPE and the UK University Senate. The recent senate ruling will have a very detrimental impact on the Paducah students and may impact the very existence of these successful programs. Dean G. T. Lineberry, the College of Engineering Associate Dean for Commonwealth and International Programs, and Dr. Bill Murphy, the director of the Paducah programs, have had meetings with the UK registrar's office and others regarding the best solution to this dilemma. They have developed a proposal that will be routed through the college channels for the required approval before being submitted to the University Senate. This proposal will not be able to receive consideration by all the necessary parties prior to the spring 2007 implementation of the ruling.

In order to not produce undue hardships on the UK students at our Paducah campus while these deliberations are underway, I would like to request a temporary one year waiver of the ruling as applied to those engineering students matriculating in Paducah. We will take the proposal through our college and, if approved, submit it to the Senate per normal procedures. This temporary waiver would simply give us the time to provide the necessary scrutiny of the proposal. This waiver would permit the Paducah programs to function as they have since their inception in 1997, and allow the UK registrar's office to continue their handling of Paducah student records as they do now.

Please contact me at 257-1687 if you have questions about this request. You can also contact Dean Lineberry at 257-2833 or Dr. Murphy at 270-534-3111.