

Reaction Paper #1 – Leadership and Politics TLC

Graded Item	Pts Earned	Pts Possible
<p>Overall – addresses question and each aspect of the question</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- addresses question throughout the paper</li> <li>- addresses each aspect of the question</li> <li>- is able to remain on <u>focus</u> with presentation of arguments</li> <li>- is direct, clear, and substantiates arguments with examples and evidence</li> </ul>	6	8
<p>Exploration of question: How does this issue relate to you personally? How does it relate in a local context? How does it relate to our state/the citizens of our state?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- addresses each area/aspect ✓</li> <li>- demonstrates can observe multiple aspects of the situation (personal, local, ✓ state)</li> <li>- demonstrates the same issue—or aspect of the issue—can be viewed from multiple perspectives</li> <li>- can place those multiple aspects in context</li> <li>- recognizes the factors that effect their perspective</li> <li>- recognizes conflicting goals involved with the issue at each level, and that the differences can be evaluated</li> </ul> <p><i>develop more would help to incorporate specific examples - different aspects of local comm!</i></p> <p><i>↳ what do you see as conflicting in the argument.</i></p>	9	12
<p>Writing Style:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- uses correct grammar, punctuation, spelling <i>watch!</i></li> <li>- organization: provides an introductory paragraph that introduces the main arguments and previews the paper, information is well organized in a logical manner, good transitions are used between paragraphs, a concluding paragraph sums up the arguments succinctly and concludes the paper (conclusion does not introduce new material or a new argument)</li> </ul> <p><i>provide more structure Intro, main pts, conclusion</i></p>	2.5	5
<p>Deductions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- did not meet page requirement</li> <li>- formatting incomplete/incorrect (e.g., margins, spacing, font)</li> <li>- late</li> </ul>		( - )
<b>Total</b>	17.5	25

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The TLC issue is to deal with the funding issues for the University of Kansas for the upcoming years. Of course <sup>none</sup> not of us want to see the tuition increase in great amounts but we also have to think about what exactly can be done about this. I am concerned however, that if tuition does increase to an unreasonable amount, I am afraid that I will not be able to get the financial need that I will have to have in order to keep attending KU. My mom is a single parent and since we only have that one income to live off of she is also very concerned because I still have at least three years at KU. If tuition was lower it would allow my mom to continue to put my brother and <sup>me</sup> I both through the schools of our choice. I do value education and I think that if tuition was to go down and if we could do something about it, then it would benefit everyone that goes to the University. I am just still concerned that we will not be able to make such a change.

If KU was able to get more state funding it would not necessarily go <sup>forward</sup> to lowering tuition costs. From our research we found that the money that KU receives goes into a large pot and is then distributed to different areas of the school. I am not saying though, that more funding would not help the school. I personally believe that if enough money was given to the school itself for tuition purposes, that it would make a difference. I have heard from other teachers that the salary that they are given is not a substantial number, and that at the moment some GTA's are trying to get a raise in pay. If there was an increase in state funding I would think that there would be enough money to give a raise

to faculty and staff because the funds would be from the state through which teachers, etc. are paid. If salary for the University increased there would be a greater chance of keeping and recruiting more prestigious professors at the University as well.

I think that when it comes to the issue of too many students and not enough faculty, the following things could be addressed. If the University sets a limit on how many students they want to take in or if they figure a student-teacher ratio that would be appropriate for a public University then they could figure out a budget based on enrollment and how the University is setup. Lawrence is obviously highly based around the University, so depending on how it is setup is going to impact the community commerce and also the income that they bring in and the dynamic of this town as it is now. KU can bring in very important people, events, and funding that directly impacts Lawrence and it would help Lawrence if KU received more funding even if it went towards Allen Field house. Tuition rates would not really impact Lawrence unless you would take into account that if tuition was lower more students would be coming here allowing more people to work and buy things, so in that manner the economy of Lawrence would rise slightly.

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After graduating high school, more than likely you are expected to attend a college or some sort and the state should know this. KU is known as a very well-known school and if there was more funding for it, there would be a great chance of being able to expand this University to maybe make it one of the more prestigious Universities in the country. If Kansas wants to look better in the scope of the U.S., what better way to do that than to make our education system more affordable and accessible to the masses. When getting a college education, the ultimate goal is to find out what you want to do for the

rest of your life. That can make the quality of your life either acceptable or unsatisfactory based on what college you attend and the quality of the college as well.

I really do not think that the view on higher education make or break how the state is deemed to live in. Most people will not live in Kansas after graduation from KU if they are not originally from here to begin with. Of course while you are in college you come to know the town and the state, however, that does not mean that it is going to make your decision to live there or not easier to make. I think that as a resident of Lawrence, I would enjoy living in a "college town" due to the fact that there is a greater chance of exposure to different things; I do not think though that there is a state that is not in need or wanting a higher education standard. I would feel uncomfortable in a place that is not committed to providing a high quality education in order to further the youth's educational standards. I think that a higher education University has to be able to represent the state that it is in up to the best standards that it can. A public University should not be one that brings the town and community down but one that rises to different occasions and makes the town a diverse and exciting place to study. I believe that the University of Kansas does a very good job of this currently.