Senate Meeting Minutes

Fifth Meeting of the Twenty-Third Senate - Tuesday, November 28th, 2023

1. **Call to Order**
	1. The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order on November 28th, 2023, at 5:09 PM by Speaker of the Senate Sydney Denney.
2. **Roll Call**
	1. Roll was called by Speaker Denney
	2. Absences
		1. Senator Bodemann
		2. Senator Solorzano
		3. Senator Williams
		4. Senator Sim
	3. Quorum was met.
		1. Senator Plumb has resigned from his seat and President Kurtz will be nominating a new Senator At-Large tonight
3. **Approval of Minutes**
	1. Minutes were approved.
4. **Guest and Student Speakers**
	1. Motion to move out of bylaws by Senator Aberle
		1. Second by Senator Robinson
	2. Motion to move Resolution 18-23-F from New Business to Unfinished Business
		1. Second by Senator Duggins
		2. Speech in Affirmation by Senator Aberle
			1. This is Senator Aberle’s last Senate meeting, and he would like to see this resolution passed.
		3. Voice Vote
			1. Unanimous Yes
	3. Motion to move back into bylaws
		1. Second by Senator Cisco
	4. Motion to cancel 12/6, 1/16 meetings, December office hours, and January office hours
		1. Speech in affirmation by Senator Pierce
			1. Most of December and January will not be spent in the classroom, December 5th is during Finals Week, and we do not start class until the middle of January.
		2. Voice Vote
			1. Unanimous Yes

**5. Officer Reports**

1. President – **Sam Kurtz**
	1. Quote of the Week: “The best way to spread holiday cheer is by singing loud for all to hear” – Buddy the Elf
	2. Senator At-Large Nomination
		1. Jaden Marshall
			1. Jaden is a freshman and is very enthusiastic to be speaking with SGA. He was very involved with a Pre-Law program within his high school and is looking to study law. He promises to be committed and to work with every SGA member on any issue.
		2. Speech in affirmation
			1. Senator Aberle
				1. Senator Aberle admires the passion that Jaden has for this organization as well as his growth mindset.
			2. WKU Student
				1. No one is more committed than Jaden, and he is relentless with his passion.
		3. Voice Vote
			1. Unanimous Yes
2. Executive Vice President – **Annie Finch**
	1. Thank you to everyone who helped with the Veterans Day 5K! SGA raised over $2,000.
3. Administrative Vice President – **Salvador Leon**
	1. Last year, SGA had already spent $6,372 at this point in the year. The 23rd Senate has only spent $1,347 this year. However, this is not necessarily a bad thing.
	2. SGA at this point can spend $654.22 per meeting.
		1. One important note is that every bill passed has been meaningful to WKU students or the Bowling Green community.
4. Chief of Staff – **Lyndsey Kelley**
	1. No report.
5. Director of Public Relations – **Preston Romanov**
	1. Expect some semester recap posts over winter break. Thank you for a great semester!
	2. Keep letting WKU students know how important SGA is
6. Director of Information Technology – **Aniya Johnson**
	1. The accessibility issues have been updated on the website. Updated legislation will be up soon along with SGA positions and names.
7. Director of Enrollment and Student Experience – **Donte’ Reed**
	1. Total of 163 applicants for SGA scholarships this semester!
8. Speaker of the Senate – **Sydney Denney**
	1. We are so sad to see Geo and Shyante go but we are so proud of them!
	2. Please ensure that committees are cleaning up after yourselves. If a committee tables or holds an event, it is their responsibility to take care of these items.
	3. We are ending the semester with 18 bills passed! Let’s keep the momentum going next semester.
	4. It is imperative that we spend our $100,000 so that the University knows how important our organization is.
9. Secretary of the Senate – **Sarah Vincent**
	1. No report.

**6. Committee Reports**

1. Legislative Operations – **Meghan Pierce**
	1. Legislation must be sent to LOC before it is on the Senate Agenda. Legislation must be submitted at noon on Wednesday’s. This is a very hard deadline.
	2. You must go to an LOC meeting to have your bill reviewed.
2. Enrollment and Student Experience – **Anne-Marie Wright**
	1. Thank you to everyone who tabled or helped with outreach for scholarships!
	2. Meeting 11/29-30 9-5 Grading
		1. Any SGA member is eligible to come grade if they did not apply for a scholarship.
3. Outreach and Student Experience – **Griffin Plumb**
	1. No report.
4. Campus Improvements and Sustainability – **Rush Robinson**
	1. The safety walk went well!
	2. Lots of legislation in the works
5. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – **Karley Solorzano**
	1. No report.
6. Student Mental Health and Wellbeing – **Callison Padgett**
	1. Shoutout to Geo!
7. Community Relations – **Maiah Cisco**
	1. Presenting a bill tonight!
	2. Wrapping party Thursday at 5:00!
		1. Office hours!
	3. Please donate toys! There are over 300 children at the Boys and Girls Club.

**7. Special Orders**

1. Judicial Council Report – **Isaac King**
	1. Congrats to everyone who has received a Chief Justice Verdict Award!
2. Swearing in – **Isaac King**
	1. Senator At-Large
		1. Jaden Marshall
3. University Committee Reports
	1. Student Life Foundation – **Annie Finch**
		1. No report.
	2. Committee on Academic Quality – **Annie Finch**
		1. No report.
	3. University Athletic Committee – **Kaison Barton & Julia Duggins**
		1. Second meeting tomorrow.
	4. Parking and Transportation Services Appeal Committee – **Rush Robinson, Dylan Carmona, & Megan Farmer**
		1. Don’t park at Dollar General
	5. Faculty Senate Budget and Finance Committee – **Tanner Blood**
		1. No report.
	6. Faculty Welfare Committee – **Thomas Pabin**
		1. No report.
	7. Graduate Advisory Council – **Ella Wooton**
		1. No report.
	8. Colonnade General Education Committee – **Kayla Distler**
		1. No report.
	9. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee – **Carly Wheat**
		1. No report.
	10. Strategic Plan Implementation Committee – **Madison Payne**
		1. No report.
4. **Unfinished Business**
	1. **Bill 9-23-F:** A Bill to Amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University
		1. Senators Pierce and Hornback
			1. Changing wording to “EVP makes Faculty Senate Appointments” instead of University appointments.
		2. Voice Vote
			1. Unanimous Yes
	2. **Bill 10-23-F:** A Bill to Amend the Bylaws of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University.
		1. Senator Pierce
			1. There are some inconsistencies between the bylaws and constitution. This ensures that all mentions of impeachment say “impeachment” instead of “expulsion”.
		2. Voice Vote
			1. Unanimous Yes
	3. **Bill 11-23-F:** A Bill to Amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University.
		1. Senator Pierce
			1. Aiming to rename committee names to be more consistent – outdated acronyms and names.
		2. Voice Vote
			1. Unanimous Yes
	4. **Bill 13-23-F.** A Bill to Amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University
		1. Chief Justice King
			1. Increase Chief Justice office hours
		2. Voice Vote
			1. Unanimous Yes
	5. **Bill 14-23-F.** A Bill to Amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University.
		1. Justice Henderson
			1. Every Academic college and Gatton Academy have a senate seat but not the Honors College.
		2. Questions
			1. Would this person be required to meet with Dr. Cobaine?
				1. Yes
		3. Speech in affirmation by Senator Bryant
			1. The Honors College needs representation here and the Honors College is going through a very transitional period right now.
		4. Voice Vote
			1. Unanimous yes
	6. **Bill 15-23-F:** Funding for the “Community Builder Excellence” Scholarship
		1. Senator Cisco, Senator Ferguson, Senator Taylor, and Director Reed
			1. $1,000 from Legislative Scholarships
				1. Change from Legislative Scholarships to Discretionary
			2. Goal is to increase involvement within SGA with Bowling Green residents through offering a specific SGA scholarship to high school seniors
			3. Hoping to go to Bowling Green high schools and present the scholarship as well as be in contact with guidance counselors/administrators
		2. Question by Senator Distler
			1. What change did you make?
				1. There is lots of room in Legislative Discretionary, so they are aiming to take the money this year from Legislative Discretionary.
			2. Why can’t we take it from Scholarships?
				1. The scholarship budget has been updated and it would make more sense to take it from Legislative Discretionary this year.
		3. Question by Senator Bryant
			1. What does the application look like?
				1. SGA is working with high schools in the area to see what works best for them.
		4. Question by Senator Ibrahim
			1. How are you going about outreach?
				1. They plan to go to BG high schools and advertise in person, as well as through email, social media, and communicating extensively with school faculty.
		5. Question by Senator Bryant
			1. Will students have any further obligation within SGA after they receive their scholarship?
				1. No, but the goal of this scholarship is to increase knowledge about SGA and the impact it has on both the WKU and Bowling Green community. The main goal is to seek out high school students that are heavily involved and could see themselves a student government setting.
		6. Question by Senator Pierce
			1. Do you know how many seniors that will be eligible to apply?
				1. The committee anticipates that there are many seniors that meet the criteria.
		7. Question by Senator Distler
			1. What does a “good” GPA look like?
				1. Different GPAs offer different amounts of points, as the scholarships are graded on a point system.
		8. Question by Senator Pierce
			1. Have you asked how many people will want to apply?
				1. There has only been communication with 2/5 high schools in the area. Those counselors anticipate that there will be a very large number of applicants.
		9. Speech in affirmation by Senator Barton
			1. This is a great idea, and this is an investment to bring SGA to Bowling Green’s attention
		10. Speech in affirmation by Senator Potter
			1. Speaking from personal experience, this is a great opportunity for incoming freshmen.
		11. Speech in affirmation by Senator Vincent
			1. It’s important that Bowling Green students see how important WKU SGA is to the community if we want to further our impact across the city.
		12. Speech in affirmation by Senator Payne
			1. We must spend $600 every meeting to let the budget run out. This is a worthy investment.
		13. Question by Senator Barton
			1. Could we reach out to out of state high schools as well regarding this?
				1. Students must be accepted at Western before they can receive the scholarship. Because there are not as many people from out of state, this could be very difficult to manage.
		14. Voice Vote
			1. Unanimous Yes
	7. **Bill 16-23-F:** A Bill to Amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University
		1. Chief Justice King
			1. The goal of his position is to readjust Judicial Council. This bill requires justices to get 2 office hours every month.
		2. Speech in affirmation by Senator Payne
			1. Our JC is great! This bill sets a good precedent for incoming councils.
		3. Voice Vote
			1. Unanimous Yes
	8. **Bill 18-23-F.** Resolution to Support Wearing of Red on World Autism Awareness Day
		1. Senator Aberle
			1. The United Nations observes World Autism Day on April 2nd. This bill shows support for the neurodivergent community through wearing red on this date.
		2. Speech in affirmation by Senator Marshall
			1. This is a great bill and thank you for all of your help thus far in SGA.
		3. Speech in affirmation by Senator Bryant
			1. This bill is also “against” Autism Speaks, which calls autism a disease when it is not, it is just a difference.
		4. Speech in affirmation by Senator Padgett
			1. Geo has worked on this for a long time, and it is a really good resolution.
		5. Voice Vote
			1. Unanimous Yes
5. **New Business**
	1. **Bill 17-23-F.** Bill to Amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University

**10. Announcements**

1. Senator Robinson: Donate to SigEp Sweets Week
2. Senator Taylor: Please donate to the toy drive!!!! Donations can be left in the SGA office
3. Senator Aberle: Please come to the Christmas Party!

**11. Adjournment**

1. Senator Aberle made a motion to adjourn.
2. The motion was seconded by Senator Robinson.
3. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 PM.

First Reading: 11/7/23

Second Reading: 11/28/23

Pass: Yes

Fail:

Other:

**Bill 9-23-F. A Bill to Amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University.**

PURPOSE:​  For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to amend its constitution.

 (1)WHEREAS: ​ Section 2.4.10 of the Student Government Association Constitution describes the duties of the Executive Vice President and reads:

“2.4.10. Make University Senate appointments with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Senate”, and

 (2)WHEREAS:​ The “University Senate” has since split into “Faculty Senate” and “Staff Senate”, and​

(3)WHEREAS: Members of the Student Government Association are only chartered to serve on the Faculty Senate, and ​

(4)WHEREAS:​ The aforementioned section of the Constitution are outdated of the current affairs of campus, and

 (5)WHEREAS:​ The amended section of the Constitution would say:

“2.4.10. Make Faculty Senate appointments with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Senate.”

 THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky

University will amend its constitution.

 AUTHORS:​ Meghan Pierce, LOC Chair

Samantha Bodemann, Senior Senator

Hannah Evans, Sophomore Senator

Joel Hornback, Senator at Large

 SPONSORS:​ Legislative Operations Committee

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First Reading: 11/7/23

Second Reading: 11/28/23

Pass: Yes

Fail:

Other:

 **Bill 10-23-F. A Bill to Amend the Bylaws of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University.**

PURPOSE: ​ For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to

amend its bylaws.

(1)WHEREAS:  Section 6 of the Bylaws is currently titled “Procedure for Committee Chair Removals, Expulsion from the Senate, and Votes of No Confidence/Impeachment Trials”, and

(2)WHEREAS:​ Section 3.10 of the Student Government Association Constitution describes basic impeachment proceedings for a Senator, with no mention of expulsion procedures, and

(3)WHEREAS:​ The Bylaws should be subordinate to the Constitution and accurately reflect the proceedings listed within it, and

(4)WHEREAS:​ Section 6 of the Bylaws shall be retitled to “Procedure for Committee Chairs and Votes of No Confidence/Impeachment Trials”, and

(5)WHEREAS:​ Section 6.1.2 currently reads,

“6.1.2. Expulsion of Senators shall follow the Expulsion from the Senate Process as spelled out in SGA Bylaws Section 6.3”, and

(7)WHEREAS: Section 6.1.2 shall now be removed from the Bylaws with all subsequent subsections renumbered, and

(8)WHEREAS: Section 6.1.5 of the Bylaws currently reads,

“6.1.5. Procedure for an Executive or Judicial impeachment brought before the Senate shall follow the same protocol as spelled out in SGA Bylaws Section 6.4”, and

(9)WHEREAS: Section 6.1.5 will be amended to now read,

“6.1.5. Procedure for a Legislative, Executive or Judicial impeachment brought before the Senate shall follow the same protocol as spelled out in SGA Bylaws Section 6.3”, and

(10)WHEREAS: Section 6.3 of the Bylaws currently describes the process of expulsion from the Senate, and

(11)WHEREAS: Section 6.3 shall now be removed from the Bylaws with all subsequent subsections renumbered, and

(12)WHEREAS: Section 6.4.1 of the Bylaws currently reads,

“6.4.1. The Speaker of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, or Parliamentarian may face a vote of no confidence and may be removed from their position for failure to uphold any provision of the Constitution, the Bylaws, or any just cause. Any member of the Executive Cabinet or Judicial Council may be impeached from office pursuant to SGA Constitution may be removed from their position for failure to uphold any provision of the Constitution, the Bylaws, or any just cause”, and

(13)WHEREAS: The above section with appropriate renumbering shall now read,

“6.3.1. The Speaker of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, or Parliamentarian may face a vote of no confidence and may be removed from their position for failure to uphold any provision of the Constitution, the Bylaws, or any just cause. Any member of the Senate, Executive Cabinet, or Judicial Council may be impeached from office pursuant to SGA Constitution may be removed from their position for failure to uphold any provision of the Constitution, the Bylaws, or any just cause”, and

(14)WHEREAS: Section 6.4.5.3 of the Bylaws currently reads,

“6.4.5.3. The Chief Justice shall report the official petition with twenty percent (20%) Senate membership endorsement and call upon the Petitioners (those who signed and filed the endorsement) to make their case for the Speaker of the Senate’s, Secretary of the Senate’s, Parliamentarian’s, Executive Cabinet member’s, or Judicial Council member’s removal”, and

(15)WHEREAS: The above section with appropriate renumbering shall now read,

“6.3.5.3. The Chief Justice shall report the official petition with twenty percent (20%) Senate membership endorsement and call upon the Petitioners (those who signed and filed the endorsement) to make their case for the Speaker of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Parliamentarian, Senate member, Executive Cabinet member, or Judicial Council member’s removal”, and

(16)WHEREAS: Section 6.4.5.4 of the Bylaws currently reads,

“6.4.5.4. Upon the Petitioner’s conclusion, the Chief Justice shall call upon the Defendant (the Speaker of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Parliamentarian, Executive Cabinet member, or Judicial Council member) to make their case”, and

(17)WHEREAS: The above section with appropriate renumbering shall now read,

“6.3.5.4. Upon the Petitioner’s conclusion, the Chief Justice shall call upon the Defendant (the Speaker of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Parliamentarian, Senate member, Executive Cabinet member, or Judicial Council member) to make their case”, and

(18)WHEREAS: Section 6.4.5.9.2 of the Bylaws currently reads,

“6.4.5.9.2. If a member of the Executive Cabinet or Judicial Council is facing an impeachment trial, the vote will be “Impeach and Remove” or “Acquit and Remain.” It shall be a roll call vote”, and

(19)WHEREAS: The above section with appropriate renumbering shall now read,

“6.3.5.9.2. If a member of the Senate, Executive Cabinet, or Judicial Council is facing an impeachment trial, the vote will be “Impeach and Remove” or “Acquit and Remain.” It shall be a roll call vote.”

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will amend its bylaws.

AUTHORS:​ Meghan Pierce, LOC Chair

​​ Samantha Bodemann, Senior Senator

​​ Joel Hornback, Senator At Large

​​ Hannah Evans, Sophomore Senator

SPONSORS: ​Legislative Operations Committee

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First Reading: 11/7/23

Second Reading: 11/28/23

Pass: Yes

Fail:

Other:

**Bill 11-23-F. A Bill to Amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University.**

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to amend its constitution.

(1)WHEREAS: ​ Section 2.4.6 of the Student Government Association Constitution describes the duties of the Executive Vice President and reads:

“2.4.6. Serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of all Senate committees except for the Committee of Enrollment and Student Experience (CESE) and the Outreach and Student Experience (OSE) Committee”, and

(2)WHEREAS:​ Section 2.9.6. of the Constitution describes the duties of the Director of Enrollment and Student Experience and reads:

“2.9.6. Serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Committee of Enrollment and Student Experience”, and

(3)WHEREAS:​ Bill 4-22-F has since renamed the “Committee of Enrollment and Student Experience (CESE)” to the “Enrollment and Student Experience Committee”, and

(4)WHEREAS:​ Bill 4-22-F has since removed unnecessary acronyms for committee nomenclature except for the Legislative Operations Committee and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, and

 (5)WHEREAS: Section 2.4.6 of the Constitution shall now read:

 “2.4.6. Serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of all Senate committees except for the Enrollment and Student Experience Committee and the Outreach and Student Experience Committee”, and

 (6)WHEREAS:​ Section 2.9.6 shall now read:

“2.9.6. Serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Enrollment and Student Experience Committee.”

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will amend its constitution.

 AUTHORS:​ Meghan Pierce, LOC Chair

SPONSORS:​ Legislative Operations Committee

​​​CONTACTS:​ Yulia Mischuk, Co-author of Bill 4-22-F

First Reading: 11/7/23

Second Reading: 11/28/23

Pass: Yes

Fail:

Other:

**Bill 13-23-F. A Bill to Amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University**

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to amend its Constitution.

(1)WHEREAS: Section 4.4.8 of the Constitution describes the duties and office hour requirements of the Chief Justice, reading:

“Establish and post set office hours of a minimum of one (1) per week during regular business hours.”, and

(2)WHEREAS: The Chief Justice is the go-to person for interpretation of the Constitution, and

(3)WHEREAS: Only one required hour could make the Chief Justice hard to reach, and

(4)WHEREAS: Section 4.4.8 will be amended to now read:

“Establish and post set office hours of a minimum of five (5) per week during regular business hours.”

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky

University will amend its Constitution.

AUTHORS: Isaac King, Chief Justice

SPONSORS: Judicial Council

 Legislative Operations Committee

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Meghan Pierce, Senator at Large, meghan.pierce471@topper.wku.edu

First Reading: 11/7/23

Second Reading: 11/28/23

Pass: Yes

Fail:

Other:

**Bill 14-23-F. A Bill to Amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University.**

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to Amend its Constitution.

(1)WHEREAS: The Honors Program began in 1963 and the Honors College was established in 2007, and

(2)WHEREAS: The students of the Mahurin Honors College lack official representation in the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University, and

(3)WHEREAS: The purpose of adding a Mahurin Honors College student senator would be to ensure representation for Mahurin Honors College students in the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University, and

(4)WHEREAS: The addition of a Mahurin Honors College senator would serve the same purpose as the current academic college senators and shall therefore be elected in the same manner, and

(5)WHEREAS: Section 3.6.8 currently reads:

“3.6.8. One (1) senator from each academic college elected by students within the respective college for a total of five (5) senators.”, and

(6)WHEREAS: Section 3.6.8 shall now read:

“3.6.8. One (1) senator from each academic college, including the Mahurin Honors College, elected by students within the respective college for a total of six (6) senators.”

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky

 University will amend its Constitution.

AUTHORS: Ellen Henderson, Associate Chief Justice

 Audrey Clark, Mahurin Honors College Student

SPONSORS: Judicial Council

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First Reading: 11/7/23

Second Reading: 11/28/23

Pass:

Fail:

Other:

**Bill 15-23-F:** **Funding for the “Community Builder Excellence” Scholarship**

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate $1,000.00 to the Community Relations Committee’s “Community Builder Excellence” Scholarship.

(1)WHEREAS: The money will come from the Legislative Discretionary Budget, and

(2)WHEREAS: The scholarship will aim to spread awareness of the Student Government Association and encourage incoming freshmen from the Bowling Green community to be involved on campus within the Student Government Association, and

(3)WHEREAS: The scholarship application will discuss current student involvement and how students plan to be a voice for the Bowling Green Community through Student Government Association activity or other clubs on campus, and

(4)WHEREAS: Two students from the Bowling Green community will be selected and will receive a $500.00 scholarship, and

(5)WHEREAS: The students that are eligible to receive the scholarship must be enrolled at Western Kentucky University by the scholarship deadline on February 29th, 2024, and

(6)WHEREAS: All high school seniors within the Bowling Green Independent and Warren County Public School districts are eligible to apply.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate $1,000.00 to the Community Relation Committee’s Community Builder Excellence Scholarship.

AUTHORS:  Sarah Vincent, Junior Senator

 Ethan Taylor, Junior Senator

 Maiah Cisco, Senator At Large

 Connor Ferguson, Gordon Ford College of Business Senator

SPONSORS:  Community Relations Committee

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First Reading: 11/7/23

Second Reading: 11/28/23

Pass: Yes

Fail:

Other:

**Bill 16-23-F. A Bill to Amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University**

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to amend its Constitution.

(1)WHEREAS: The Judicial Council operates as the Judicial Branch, with the Senate as the Legislative Branch and Executive Cabinet as the Executive Branch, and

(2)WHEREAS: Section 4.6 of the Constitution describes the duties of the Judicial Council, and

(3)WHEREAS: The Judicial Branch requires minimal involvement, and this creates an imbalance in participation between the three branches, and

(4)WHEREAS: A new section numbered 4.6.9 will be added, reading:

“4.6.9 Maintain two (2) office hours monthly.”, and

(5)WHEREAS: A new section numbered 4.6.9.1 will be added, reading:

“4.6.9.1. An office hour may consist of tabling for SGA, meetings with faculty and staff on issues pertaining to SGA, or time in the SGA office.”, and

(6)WHEREAS: All subsequent subsections of Section 4.6 will be renumbered accordingly.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky

University will amend its Constitution.

AUTHORS: Isaac King, Chief Justice

SPONSORS: Judicial Council

Legislative Operations Committee

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First Reading: 11/28/23

Second Reading: 11/28/23

Pass:  Yes

Fail:

Other:

**Bill 17-23-F:** **A Bill to Amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University**

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to amend its constitution.

(1)WHEREAS: Section 3.7.6 of the Student Government Association Constitution describes the responsibilities of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and reads:

 “3.7.6.4. Have the Committee Chair or a delegate meet with the Chief Diversity Officers at least once a month”, and

(2)WHEREAS: It is unrealistic to expect both Chief Diversity Officers to commit to monthly meetings with the Committee Chair or a delegate, and

(3)WHEREAS: Section 3.7.6 shall now read:

 “3.7.6.4. Have the Committee Chair or a delegate meet with at least one of the Chief Diversity Officers at least twice a semester”.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will amend its constitution.

AUTHORS:  Kayla Distler – College of Education and Behavioral Sciences Senator

SPONSORS: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

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First Reading: 11/28/23

Second Reading: 11/28/23

Pass: Yes

Fail:

Other:

**Bill 18-23-F. Resolution to Support Wearing of Red on World Autism Awareness Day**

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to

support wearing red clothing on April 2nd, World Autism Awareness Day.

(1)WHEREAS: Autistic individuals need awareness of their struggles, advocacy, and representation of their interests, and

(2)WHEREAS: World Autism Awareness Day is a United Nations-observed day of awareness that does precisely that, and

(3)WHEREAS: The color red is worn to show solidarity to the neurodivergent community on this day, and

(4)WHEREAS: Wearing the color red by the Student Body of Western Kentucky University will show support to the autistic community.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky

University will support the Wearing of Red on World Autism Awareness Day, April 2nd, 2024.

AUTHORS: Geoffrey Aberle, Transfer/Non-traditional Senator

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