First Reading: October 13, 2015

Second Reading: October 13, 2015

Pass: YES

Other:

Resolution 4-15-F: Resolution to Co-Sponsor the Hispanic Heritage Festival and “I AM a Kentuckian”.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to co-sponsor the Hispanic Heritage Festival and “I Am a Kentuckian” as part of the MyCampusToo initiative, and

WHEREAS: MyCampusToo is an initiative to promote WKU Student Government Association (WKU SGA) among underrepresented or marginalized demographic populations and strengthen a culture of diversity and inclusion at WKU, and

WHEREAS: National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated annually from September 15 to October 15 and provides an opportunity for WKU SGA to increase its presence among the Latino community at WKU, and

WHEREAS: The Hispanic Heritage Festival is an annual event, sponsored primarily by Hilltopper Organization of Latin American Students (HOLAS), to celebrate Hispanic heritage and culture, and

WHEREAS: The Hispanic Heritage Festival will be held this year on Thursday, October 15, 2015, at Centennial Mall, and

WHEREAS: “I Am a Kentuckian” is an upcoming event featuring Jose Antonio Vargas, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, filmmaker, and nationally recognized immigration rights advocate, and will feature discussion of issues related to the United States immigration system, and

WHEREAS: In 2014, forty-six (46) percent of immigrants in the United States reported having Hispanic or Latino origins, according to the Migration Policy Institute, and

WHEREAS: “I Am a Kentuckian” will be held on Tuesday, October 27, at Gary Ransdell Hall, and is currently sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Kentucky, WKU HOLAS, the WKU Department of History, WKU Potter College of Arts and Letters, WKU Institute for Citizenship and Social Responsibility (ICSR), and WKU Modern Language and Popular Culture Studies, and

WHEREAS: Co-sponsoring both of these events would provide WKU SGA with positive exposure to the Latino community at WKU and indicate a willingness on the part of SGA to celebrate ethnic and cultural diversity and strengthen a culture of inclusion at WKU, and

WHEREAS: Accomplishing these objectives would further the MyCampusToo initiative and the overall mission of WKU SGA to fully represent the student body of WKU.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University co-sponsor the Hispanic Heritage Festival and “I Am a Kentuckian”.

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