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Resolution 1-18-F Resolution to Amend the Student Code of Conduct

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support the amendment of the WKU Student Code of Conduct such that it is commensurate with established law and university policy.

WHEREAS: Line 15 of the Student Code of Conduct currently states “refusal to comply with directions, requests, or orders by University officials” which can be interpreted to allow any university official to order any student to comply with any direction, and

WHEREAS: That power should not be granted to university officials without more clear guidelines, in order to uphold the guidance set forth in the WKU Student Code of Conduct that states the code should not “be interpreted to cover any general category of behavior not mentioned herein unless that conduct is otherwise prohibited by law” , and

WHEREAS: The WKU SGA has an obligation to protect the rights and interests of students.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University support the amendment of Line 15 of the Student Code of Conduct to restrict “directions, requests, or orders by University officials” to only those which would be in line with pre-established university policy and law.

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Resolution 2-18-F Resolution to Affirm Students' Right to Record

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to establish and support the right of WKU students to record, via audio and/or video, their meetings with university staff and faculty.

WHEREAS: The law of the State of Kentucky explicitly allows recording any conversation so long as at least one party to the conversation consents, and thus allows anyone to legally record their own conversations, and

WHEREAS: No university policy currently exists that prohibits, requires, or encourages students recording their meetings with employees of the university, and these recordings would serve as an important layer of protection to all parties involved, and

WHEREAS: The WKU SGA has an obligation to ensure students can adequately provide for their own defense in the case of allegations of misconduct rising from these meetings.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University establish and support the right of students to record their own meetings with any university staff or faculty.

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