**Senate Meeting Agenda**

Fifteenth Meeting of the Seventeenth Senate – February 19th, 2019

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Officer Reports

President – Stephen Mayer

Executive Vice President – Garrett Edmonds

Administrative Vice President – Harper Anderson

Chief of Staff – Will Harris

Director of Public Relations – Noah Moore

Director of Academic and Student Affairs – Aubrey Kelley

Director of Information Technology – Paul Brosky

Speaker of the Senate – Asha McWilliams

Secretary of the Senate – Andrew Merritt

1. Committee Reports

Academic and Student Affairs – Amanda Harder

Campus Improvements – Matt Barr

Legislative Research –

Public Relations – Ashlynn Evans

Diversity and Inclusion – Mark Clark

Sustainability – Jayden Thomas

SAVES – Amy Wyer

1. Special Orders

University Committee Reports

Judicial Council Report

Guest/Student Speaker



1. Unfinished Business

None

1. New Business

Bill 7-19-S

Change the way Study abroad scholarships are graded and allocate a 15% point bonus to those who have not yet studied abroad.

Resolution 1-19-S

Support the removal of the Confederate marker on Western Kentucky University’s campus.

1. Announcements and Adjournment

First Reading: February 19th

Second Reading:

Pass:

Fail:

Other:

Bill 7-19-S. Resolution to change requirements of study abroad scholarships.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to change the way Study abroad scholarships are graded and allocate a 15% point bonus to those who have not yet studied abroad.

WHEREAS: Currently, the requirements for the scholarships allow students who have received the scholarship before to receive them again. This often means the same students receive the scholarships. By allowing those who have not yet received the scholarship in the past a boost, we will be able to open up more opportunities for students.

WHEREAS: Students who have received the scholarship in the past would still be able to do so, allowing students with exceptional applications to receive it again.

WHEREAS: It is important to diversify the group of students who receive these scholarships, and this is a feasible way to do so.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University change the requirements of its study abroad scholarships to grant a 15% point boost to students who have not received the scholarship in the past.

AUTHOR: Jayden Thomas, Amanda Harder

SPONSOR: CASA

CONTACTS:

Jayden Thomas, Sustainability Committee Chair,

Amanda Harder, CASA chair

First Reading: February 19th

Second Reading:

Pass:

Fail:

Other:

Resolution 1-19-S: Resolution to Support the Removal of the Confederate Marker on Western Kentucky University’s Campus

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support the removal of the Confederate marker on Western Kentucky University’s campus.

WHEREAS: A Confederate marker was reinstalled along College Heights Boulevard near the Kentucky Museum after its temporary removal during the construction of Hilltopper Hall. The marker describes Bowling Green as the former state capital of the Confederacy, although Kentucky never withdrew from the Union and remained largely neutral, and

WHEREAS: The marker was created in 1952, coinciding with the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s. This is a common characteristic of Confederate markers in that they were erected during times of racial tension like the Civil Rights Movement, and

WHEREAS: Western Kentucky University has a long history of racism, dating back to its construction on land taken from African Americans in the Jonesville community, and continuing to this day with multiple acts of overt racism on campus and in the community, as well as poor university ratings on racial equity, and

WHEREAS: This marker is a reminder of oppression against people of color, especially black individuals. Western Kentucky University’s campus should not be a place of glorifying our nation, state, and community’s racist past, but a place welcoming to all students, including students of color. The removal of this marker would indicate the university’s commitment to inclusivity, and

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University support the removal of the Confederate marker on Western Kentucky University’s campus.

AUTHOR: Conner Hounshell, Senator

Symone Whalin, Senator

Kara Lowry, Senator

SPONSOR: Committee for Diversity and Inclusion

CONTACTS:

**Special Announcements and Events**

1. Dance Big Red will be attending Senate as Guest Speakers on Tuesday, February 19th
2. Dennis Chaney will be attending Senate to discuss the tobacco-free initiative on Tuesday, February 26th
3. Dr. Tougas will be attending Senate to discuss Parking and Transportation changes for the upcoming school year on Tuesday, March 19th