**WKU JUDICIAL COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Written by Associate Chief Isaac King**

**Call to Order**

*5:04 PM*

**Attendance**

* Chief Justice Goins
* Associate Chief Justice King
* Justice Baum, Glaser, Soares, and Ping
  + ABSENT: Justice Huff

**Approval of Minutes**

*Unanimous vote in favor of approval.*

**Guest and Student Speakers**

*No guest or student speakers*

**Chief Justice Report**

*No report.*

**Committee Report**

*No committee reports.*

**Special Orders**

*Senator Ethan Huffaker*

* *Senator Huffaker requested a ruling on questions regarding our governing documents.*
* Does Section 3.6 of the SGA Constitution (or any other part of any governing document) require college-specific senators to be from that college?  
  *Yes. The requirement that college-specific senate positions be filled by a senator within that college is inherent in the name. You wouldn’t give the Gordon Ford College of Business Senator position to a Potter College of Arts and Letters Senator because this would destroy the meaning behind the namesake.*
* Does Section 3.6 require the transfer/nontraditional senator to be a transfer/nontraditional student?  
  *Yes, as stated in the previous question.*
* Does Section 3.6 require that freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior senators are freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors?  
  *Yes, as stated in the previous question.*
* Do all senate seats turn into senator at-large seats when a seat is left vacant? Where is this provision found in the governing documents?’  
  *No. According to Section 3.6-3.6.12 the Senate MUST be composed of those specific Senate seats. However, section 3.8.2 states that the FRESHMAN, GRADUATE, INTERNATIONAL, and GATTON ACADEMY Senators MUST become Senators at-large. As such, the rest of the seats must remain specific (i.e. Gordon Ford College of Business Senator). All other positions not stated in 3.8.2 cannot become senator-at-large positions even if they are not filled.*
* If this is true, is the President required to name the seat he intends to nominate a person for before he nominates the person in the case where there are two seats left available (I can clarify this issue more if you’d like)?  
  *The President is not technically required to name the seat he intends to nominate a person for. There is no provision that states this. Although, we would assume it would be necessary to do so to gain approval from the Senate. We don’t see this as being an issue because the Senate won’t be likely to approve a senator who’s to-be position they don’t know beforehand.*
* Does Org Aid have to follow Kentucky Open Meetings Law pursuant to Section 3.3 of the SGA bylaws?  
  *Yes. OrgAid is a branch of the Student Government Association and must be open pursuant to Section 3.3 of the bylaws.*
* Are they then required to make minutes available pursuant to Kentucky Open Meetings Law?
* *Yes.*
* What are the requirements of Open Meetings Law? \
* *Time and Place of Meeting (convenient to public) Regular Meeting Schedule (adopt/make available) Minutes of Meeting (record/make available)  
  Public Attendance at Meeting (without condition)*
* *News Media Coverage (must permit)*
* Whose responsibility is it to turn in excessive absences (3 unexcused absences) to you all? The bylaws say it’s the Speaker of the Senate. The Constitution says it’s the secretary of the senate. I think this will be easier.  
  *In the case of conflicting documents, the Constitution ALWAYS reigns supreme. As such, it is the secretary’s job although we will not deny a report from the speaker.*
* In the case where two constitutional amendments conflict, is the director of information technology required to decide on how to reconcile the two? Will the judicial council have to make a ruling? What goes on with that? Take, for example, the hypothetical case where one constitutional amendment takes away the freshman senator seats, and the other constitutional amendment adds 3 freshman senator seats. When both bills go into effect (I assume because like, a million things have gone wrong here), will there be 0 senators, 3 senators, or 6 senators? This may seem like a wild hypothetical, but there may be more subtle ways in which amendments could interfere with other amendments that the senate or student body may not notice.
* *The Judicial Council always reconciles issues with the governing documents. In the case of amendments, whichever amendment was approved later is the correct amendment.*
* *Who makes University Senate nominations?*
* *EVP according to 2.4.10.*

*Judicial Council’s Ruling is highlighted.*

**Absences and Office Hour Excuse Rulings**

*April 18th*

*Meghan Pierce: EXCUSED*

*April 4th*

*Will Hemenover: EXCUSED*

*March 30th*

*Adan Canizalez: EXCUSED*

*Sarah Vincent: EXCUSED*

*Abby Haynes: EXCUSED*

*March 28th*

*Tate Sine: EXCUSED*

*Sydney Denney: EXCUSED*

*Will Hemenover: EXCUSED*

*Ethan Taylor: EXCUSED*

*Maiah Cisco: EXCUSED*

*Matt Gadd: EXCUSED*

*Dylan Carmona: EXCUSED*

*Anne Marie Wright: EXCUSED*

*Griffin Plumb: EXCUSED*

*ShyAnte’e Williams: EXCUSED*

**Announcements**

*No Announcements*

**Adjournment**

*5:47 PM*