

3/23/26

WKU JUDICIAL COUNCIL MINUTES
Written and revised by Chief Justice Stirling

Call to Order

6:15 PM

Attendance

- ❖ Chief Justice Stirling
- ❖ Associate Justices Gillespie, Grawe, Elms, Spiess, and Blankenship
- ❖ Absent: Associate Chief Justice Hash

Approval of Minutes

Unanimous vote in favor of approval.

Guest and Student Speakers

No guest or student speakers.

Chief Justice Report

- ❖ We have a few things to rule on today as a JC, see special orders
- ❖ Continuing Constitutional revisions
- ❖ Going through election packets and updating candidate roster

Committee Report

No committee reports.

Special Orders

- ❖ **Applicant Eligibility Ruling**
 - Facts of the case
 - Student is requesting an exemption from the Judicial Council in order to run for a position in the Executive Branch, per section 2.2.5 of the Constitution.
 - The JC vote MUST be unanimous in order for the student to be eligible.
 - **Notable points:**
 - The student has not served in any branch of SGA for a total of one year.
 - The student will have served one semester in SGA by the start of next term.
 - **Student speech, in sum:** “I want to run for this position to have more involvement and make more change in the student body. I think this position would give me more outreach opportunities and would get me better contacts within the university. I think my current position is great, but I want to pursue something different and higher up to help more people.”
 - Judicial Council unanimously votes 6-0 to allow said student to run for Executive Branch in the 2026 Spring Elections.

❖ **Addressing Campaign Questions**

- Can family members help campaign and promote tickets?
 - JC decision: Yes
- Can candidates be endorsed via social media by other organizations?
 - JC decision: Yes, however no incentives or rewards can be given to organization members from candidates or from their leadership in exchange for showing their votes.

- ❖ Kaden Blankenship resigns from Judicial Council, effective Thursday, April 2nd

Absences and Office Hour Excuse Rulings

- ❖ 3/10/26 Senate and Committee Meeting- Will Derryberry
 - Excused
- ❖ 3/10/26 Senate and Committee Meeting- Lincoln Fasoldt
 - Excused
- ❖ 3/10/26 Senate and Committee Meeting- Zoe Martin
 - Unexcused
- ❖ 3/10/26 Senate and Committee Meeting- Garrett Price
 - Excused
- ❖ 3/10/26 Senate and Committee Meeting- Molly Ricke
 - Excused
- ❖ 3/10/26 Senate Meeting- Nolan Rongey
 - Excused
- ❖ 3/10/26 Senate and Committee Meeting- Carter Smith
 - Unexcused
- ❖ 3/10/26 Senate Meeting- Evan Tuck
 - Excused
- ❖ 3/10/26 Senate and Committee Meeting- Bradley Wagoner
 - Unexcused

Announcements

- ❖ Code meetings on 3/31 at 5 PM and 4/2 during my report at the senate meeting
- ❖ Town hall on 4/7 after senate meeting
- ❖ TAILGATE TOMORROW YAY!

Adjournment

7:05 PM