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Bill 25-17-S     A Bill to Amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University

PURPOSE:        For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to change the appointment of committee heads.

WHEREAS:        Section 5.1.2 of the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will be amended from “Committee heads shall be appointed by the President” to state “Committee heads shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate,” and

WHEREAS:        Currently, the Constitution gives the Student Body President the authority to appoint committee heads, and

WHEREAS:        Even though it is approved by the majority of the Senate, it still gives the Student Body President a lot of influence in the legislative process, and

WHEREAS:        It is in the best interest of the student body to limit the power of each branch, especially with the wide powers already vested in the executive branch, and

WHEREAS:        The Speaker of the Senate is more familiar with the committees, as he/she meets with the committee heads on a regular basis, and

WHEREAS:        This relationship will be useful in appointing individuals as committee heads.

THEREFORE:     Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allow the Speaker of the Senate to appoint committee heads, instead of the Student Body President.

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