

First Reading: August 30, 2016
Second Reading: September 6, 2016
Pass: September 6, 2016
Other:

Bill 1-16-F Bill to renew the MyCampusToo Initiative

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to renew the MyCampusToo diversity enhancement initiative.

WHEREAS: MyCampusToo will be a major initiative specifically intended to enhance diversity in representation and conduct outreach to minority populations at the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University, and

WHEREAS: The demographic composition of our student body is often poorly reflected in both elected members of the Student Government Association and attendees at Senate meetings, and

WHEREAS: Lack of representation for specific demographics has a deleterious effect on the ability of the Student Government Association to adequately serve the needs of the student body, and

WHEREAS: Every student, including those in minority populations, should never have reason to believe that classifications such as race, gender, and nationality are barriers to achievement at Western Kentucky University, and

WHEREAS: MyCampusToo will consist of four (4) broad components listed below, and

WHEREAS: The first (1st) component will consist of multifaceted outreach efforts to minority populations for the purpose of promoting the Student Government Association and encouraging more active engagement in its affairs, and

WHEREAS: The second (2nd) component will consist of efforts to socially integrate international students into the broader community at Western Kentucky University, and

WHEREAS: The third (3rd) component will consist of special forums for discussion of specific issues relevant to the student body that will be held separately from Student Senate meetings and open to the public, and

WHEREAS: The fourth (4th) component will be the establishment of a student task force by the President that will take the place of the Student Senate's Cultural and Diversity Affairs Committee and implement the provisions of MyCampusToo throughout the year, and

WHEREAS: The MyCampusToo Task Force will function to develop diversity enhancement policies and recommend them to the Executive Cabinet or Student Senate, and

WHEREAS: The Senate shall have exclusive power over Senate discretionary funding and the sole authority to sponsor or cosponsor public events not including MyCampusToo special forums, as previously defined, and

WHEREAS: The Executive Cabinet shall have the authority to hold MyCampusToo special forums, as previously defined, and

WHEREAS: Legislation related to MyCampusToo should be sponsored by the MyCampusToo Task Force, as previously defined, and

WHEREAS: The Student Senate will be briefed weekly on the work of the MyCampusToo Task Force and other initiative developments, and

WHEREAS: The Executive Cabinet will be authorized to enact all diversity enhancement policies recommended by the MyCampusToo Task Force except those requiring the use of Student Senate funds, and

WHEREAS: MyCampusToo has the potential to lead the way across the nation for campus inclusion efforts for student governments to follow.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University support the MyCampusToo diversity enhancement initiative.

AUTHOR: Michael Shelton

SPONSOR: Legislative Research Committee

CONTACTS: Jay Todd Richey
James Line
Michael Shelton