First Reading: April 2nd

Second Reading:

Pass: YES

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Other:

Resolution 4-19-S: Resolution to Support Transparency and Accountability in University Decision-Making

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support transparency and accountability in university decision-making.

WHEREAS: The Dean of Potter College of Arts and Letters (PCAL), Dr. Larry Snyder, was recently forced to resign on unknown terms, in a disrespectful manner, and in a time of uncertainty in the continuation of college programs amongst university cuts, and

WHEREAS: This sudden change leaves PCAL without an administrator to defend programs and question university cuts, and

WHEREAS: Dean Snyder was an outspoken defender of university programs throughout the Comprehensive Academic Program Evaluation (CAPE) process and with its impending cuts. This gives students, faculty, and staff alike a fear of retribution if speaking out against university changes and administrative decisions, and

WHEREAS: Last semester, many non-tenure eligible faculty were left uncertain about their employment status at the university due to an unexpected announcement by Provost Ballman, and

WHEREAS: Student voices on the matter were stifled when chalkings around campus, including those reading “Tell Us Why,” were removed by the university, a violation of the students’ freedom of speech, and

WHEREAS: Top university officials need to provide explanations for such decisions, as well as implement such decisions in a clear and respectful manner that protects and ensures the dignity of those involved, and

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University support transparency and accountability in university decision-making.

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