

First Reading: March 21, 2017

Second Reading: March 28, 2017

Pass: YES; 28-0-1

Fail:

Other:

Resolution 3-17-S Resolution to Support the designation of the first three rows beside the Big Red Marching Band in section 127 of the student section in Houchens Smith's Stadium for the Major Redz at WKU home football games.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to Support the designation of the first three rows beside the band in section 127 student section for the Major Redz at WKU home football games, in order to restore the seating originally provided to the Major Redz and provide fair treatment and inclusion to all members of our campus community.

WHEREAS: Since 2010 the Major Redz have provided entertainment and encouragement as a staple organization at the WKU home football games, and

WHEREAS: After September 24, 2016 the Major Redz were moved from the first three rows beside the band in section 127 student section to student section 134 directly after a peaceable protest during a home football game, and

WHEREAS: In this new location, members of the Major Redz are unable to support their football team because of the lack of ability to hear the band music without an echo, feel excluded in the campus community due to alienation, and have been exposed to more aggression, and

WHEREAS: Furthermore, in this location, Major Red members have experienced tater tots being thrown at them, slanderous names being yelled at them, lack of protection that was thought to be ensured by athletics during this move, and discouragement amongst the team members because lack of support from school officials to provide an inclusive environment, and

WHEREAS: Being a member of Major Redz provides an inimitable source of encouragement, leadership and support on campus by retaining WKU students who are part of the team, encouraging high scholastic goals and a safe place of networking amongst dancers, and

WHEREAS: Returning Major Redz to their original location in the first three rows beside the band in section 127 of the student section would show support from the WKU community that diversity and inclusion exist beyond academics, but in the athletic and spirited groups realm also; as well as, creating a community for students to hold leadership positions and be held to a high standard of scholarship and partnerships.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University supports the designation of the first three rows beside the band in section 127 of the student section for the Major Redz at WKU Football games, in order to restore the seating originally provided to the Major Redz and provide fair treatment and inclusion to all members of our campus community.

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