**The Judicial Council**

**Of the Student Government Association**

**Of Western Kentucky University**

Opinion 2013FA – 002

In re Executives in Senate debate

August 29, 2013

Chief Justice Seth Church delivered the opinion for the Council. Associate Justices Jackie Stewart, Julia Payne, Justin McDole and Kara Raley join.

A request was submitted to the Judicial Council to determine whether or not members of the Executive Branch may participate in debate in the Senate.

The Judicial Council believes that only members of the Senate itself may participate in debate. Thus, members of the Executive Branch, Judicial Branch and any other students who are not currently elected and sworn in as Senators may not participate in debate in the Senate.

However, nothing in this opinion will be construed to preclude Executives and students from delivering an author’s speech, answering technical questions, accepting friendly amendments or debating unfriendly amendments when the Bill or Resolution up for debate has been proposed by said student or Executive. This also does not prevent Executives from giving their reports or prevent Executives or students from speaking in the “Student Speaker” portion of the Senate meeting as defined in Section 4.1.7 of the SGA Bylaws.

*It is so ordered.*

Chief Justice Seth Church