**The Judicial Council**

**Of the Student Government Association**

**Of Western Kentucky University**

Opinion 2013SP – 002

In re Judicial Council attendance policy

February 18, 2013

Chief Justice Seth Church delivered the opinion of the Council. Associate Justices Kelly Simmons, Julia Payne, Justin McDole and Kara Raley join.

The Constitution states the following:

Article IV, Section 5

“The Judicial Council shall establish general procedural rules and ethical considerations for the Judicial Council.”

Therefore, be it resolved that:

The Judicial Council will institute an attendance policy effective immediately. The Dodds administration has made great efforts in making the SGA accountable to the student body. The budget of the SGA, office hours of SGA officers, minutes of meetings, Judicial Council opinions, and Senate attendance are all easily accessible to all students. However, the Judicial Council has no attendance policy and there is no Constitutional provision to punish Justices other than impeachment. The policy will be set up in the following fashion (modeled after the Judicial Council interpretation of the Senate Attendance Policy and the format used in the censure of a Justice outlined in Article III, Section 4 of the bylaws):

Any member of the Judicial Council who is unable to attend meetings will fill out and turn in an excuse to the Chief Justice or President of the SGA. Any Justice who has two (2) unexcused absences or three (3) overall absences will be brought up for judicial review with the remaining four (4) Justices with the President, or his representative, presiding. The Justice found to be in violation of this attendance policy could result in a removal of the Justice from his position on the Judicial Council.