

First Reading: March 28, 2017

Second Reading: April 4, 2017

Pass: YES; 27-3-0

Fail:

Other:

Bill 23-17-S Funding for the Take Back the Night Event

**PURPOSE:** For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate \$250.00 to the WKU Counseling and Testing Center to co-sponsor the Take Back the Night Event.

**WHEREAS:** In observance of Sexual Assault Prevention Month, the WKU Counseling and Testing Center is hosting numerous events to inform the campus community about ending sexual assault, and

**WHEREAS:** Take Back the Night is a charitable 501(c)3 Foundation designed to “create safe communities and respectful relationships through awareness events and initiatives. We seek to end sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual abuse and all other forms of sexual violence,” and

**WHEREAS:** On April 20, 2017, there will be a Take Back the Night event at 6:00 PM at First Christian Church, which will consist of a march through downtown Bowling Green and a candlelight vigil to follow to empower survivors of sexual assault, and

**WHEREAS:** Co-sponsoring this event with the WKU Counseling and Testing Center confirms SGA’s commitment to ending sexual assault through the creation of the SAVES (Standing Against Violence and for Ending Self-Harm) Committee, and

**WHEREAS:** SGA’s co-sponsorship will consist of \$250.00 from Senate Discretionary Funding to purchase t-shirts with our official logo to reduce the \$2,200.00 cost for the entire event, and

**WHEREAS:** Any unused SGA funding will be returned to WKU SGA Senate Discretionary Funding.

**THEREFORE:** Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University allocate \$250.00 to the WKU Counseling and Testing Center to co-sponsor the Take Back the Night event.

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