

First Reading: March 20th, 2018

Second Reading: March 27th, 2017

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Other:

Bill 18-18-S. A Bill to Amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to replace the University College senator and one (1) graduate student senator position with transfer/non-traditional and Intercultural Student Engagement Center senators.

WHEREAS: Section 3.6.5 lists two (2) graduate student senators, and will be amended to state “One (1) graduate student senator.” Section 3.6.8 lists a total of six (6) senators from each academic college, and will be amended to state “a total of five (5) senators.” Section 3.7.1 shall be amended to state “That all but the three (3) freshman senators, academic college senators, graduate student senator, Gatton Academy senator, ESLI senator, transfer/non-traditional senator, Intercultural Student Engagement Center senator, and three (3) at-large positions shall be elected in the spring.” Section 3.7.2 through 3.7.5 shall be struck from the Constitution due to redundancy, and

WHEREAS: University College will be dissolved by July 1, 2018, decreasing the number of academic colleges from six (6) to five (5), and

WHEREAS: Western Kentucky University has the largest number of transfer students in the Commonwealth and is 14.4% non-traditional students. The University clearly defines these individuals, with transfer students being “a certificate-, diploma-, or degree-seeking student entering the reporting institution for the first time but known to have previously attended a postsecondary institution at the same level (e.g., technical, undergraduate, graduate),” and non-traditional students being “students age 25 or older,” and

WHEREAS: Section 3.6.10, stating “One (1) transfer/non-traditional student senator” will be added to the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to better represent transfer and non-traditional students, and

WHEREAS: The Intercultural Student Engagement Center is a university office that “serves as a hands-on recruitment and retention resource for the many cultural, religious/spiritual, and identity groups reflected within the WKU community,” and

WHEREAS: Section 3.6.11, stating “One (1) Intercultural Student Engagement Center student senator” will be added to the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to better represent minority students, and

THEREFORE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to replace the University College senator and one (1) graduate student senator position with transfer/non-traditional and Intercultural Student Engagement Center senators.

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