

First Reading: November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Second Reading: November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Pass: Yes

Fail:

Other:

Bill 28-17-F. Funding for the Showing of the Refugee Documentary “Like We Don’t Exist”

**PURPOSE:** For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate \$350 in funding to support the travel costs of the Executive Producer of the short documentary “Like We Don’t Exist” about Karenni refugees.

**WHEREAS:** The money will come from senate discretionary funds, and

**WHEREAS:** On November 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM, No Lost Generation WKU is co-sponsoring a showing of the short documentary “Like We Don’t Exist” which documents the stories of Karenni refugees, an ethnic minority group from Burma, and

**WHEREAS:** The showing will be followed by a panel discussion with the Executive Producer, members from the Karenni Community, and WKU Film professor Dr. Ted Hovet, and

**WHEREAS:** The Executive Producer, Ansley Sawyer, is traveling from California specifically for this event and a subsequent showing at Warren Central High School on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> following the Refugee and Immigrant Health Fair, and

**WHEREAS:** No Lost Generation WKU is partnering with the Bowling Green Karenni Community, WKU Center for Citizenship and Social Justice, Bowling Green International Communities Advisory Council, Community Action of Southern Kentucky, WKU Film, and WKU Film Club, and

**WHEREAS:** The WKU Center for Citizenship and Social Justice has agreed to a cost-share of \$250 to contribute to an honorarium for the Executive Director, and

**WHEREAS:** Many members of the Bowling Green Karenni Community lived in the refugee camp depicted in the film and have agreed to provide food and lodging for the Executive Producer, and

**WHEREAS:** Funding the Executive Producer’s visit will demonstrate SGA’s support for WKU’s efforts for diversity and inclusion. This film screening will help promote the diversity of Bowling Green’s community and build a bridge between campus and the international community while also educating students about refugee issues in Burma, and

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate \$350 to cover the cost of travel for the Executive Producer of the documentary “Like We Don’t Exist. ”

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