

First Reading: November 28th, 2017
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Resolution 10-17-F. Resolution to Support the College Heights Herald.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support and stand with the College Heights Herald in relation to the lawsuit with Western Kentucky University.

WHEREAS: The College Heights Herald is being sued by Western Kentucky University because the University will not release requested Title IX information to the College Heights Herald, and

WHEREAS: In November 2016, a College Heights Herald journalist requested Title IX records from all state funded universities in the state of Kentucky, the information requested was fulfilled by all the universities, with the exception of Western Kentucky University and Kentucky State University, and

WHEREAS: The Kentucky Attorney General issued an opinion that Western Kentucky University was legally obligated to release the records, after 30 days, in the state of Kentucky, the opinion of the attorney general would carry the weight of law, and

WHEREAS: Western Kentucky University disputes this decision, then brought suit against the College Heights Herald because they can not, under law, sue the Kentucky Attorney General, and

WHEREAS: In the state of Texas, the Texas Chronicle has requested and received the same type of Title IX records from five Texas public universities, constituting the same information the College Heights Herald is seeking but Western Kentucky University continues to argue is protected by several provisions of the Kentucky Open Records Act and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, and

WHEREAS: Western Kentucky University is suing the College Heights Herald for requesting records that have been released by all but two state funded universities, including Western Kentucky University.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University support and stand with the College Heights Herald in relation to the lawsuit with Western Kentucky University.

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