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Resolution 2-17-S   Resolution to amend Policy 1.3140: Priority Registration Schedule

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support the addition of Army ROTC to the priority registration schedule which currently includes student athletes, various statuses, forensics, band, cheerleaders, veterans, etc.

WHEREAS: Army ROTC cadets receiving a scholarship from the Army have signed a contract stating they will graduate within a certain timeframe (usually four years), and

WHEREAS: An Army ROTC cadet's failure to meet this contract obligation may cause a student to repay the Army out of pocket and not be commissioned as an officer, and

WHEREAS: Army ROTC students are required to take additional classes in Military Leadership which add at least 30 credits above the minimum 120 credits required for graduation inhibiting the scheduling of needed courses, especially those that must follow in a required sequence, and

WHEREAS: Army ROTC requires mandatory training three days a week at 6:30 am, in addition to weekly leadership labs, field training exercises (FTX), and Cadet Summer Training (CST) which limit options for needed courses, and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Army has specific needs for the competencies that the cadets' academic majors provide and therefore reviews the cadets' schedules to insure contractual obligations will be met, and

WHEREAS: Army ROTC cadets need a schedule that allows them to be accepted into their major on time in order to graduate and begin eight years of military service, and

WHEREAS: Many universities, including Purdue University, Radford University, Kent State University, California State University Fresno, Irvine, San Bernardino and Fullerton, California State Polytechnic University, University of California, Davis, University of Southern California, Drexel University, William and Mary, Ohio University, University of South Florida, and Morehead State University have adopted Army ROTC priority/early registration policies, and,

WHEREAS: ROTC cadets meet the qualifications for a student group "deemed to have special
                scheduling needs that necessitate priority registration status," and,

WHEREAS: Policy 1.3140 is due for review in 2018, and,

WHEREAS: The University has a history of addressing the needs of groups with unique
                circumstances to ensure "students have appropriate access to courses."

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky
                University support the resolution to amend Policy 1.3140: Priority Registration
                Schedule and to support the addition of Army ROTC to the priority registration
                schedule.

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