Rec. #2017-05-12 UNIVERSITY SENATE RECOMMENDATION TO THE PRESIDENT University Senate Resolution (endorsed unanimously on May 11, 2017): *WKU Transparency with Regard to Student Fees*

The University Senate strongly encourages the President to endorse this resolution and requests a response to the Senate on this matter by its next meeting.

WKU transparency with regard to student fees

Whereas, WKU and its constituent colleges have over time imposed upon students an increasing number and variety of fees in addition to tuition; and

Whereas, students have a right to be well informed about what they are paying for, whether now (cash) or in the future (loans); and

Whereas, students also have a right to a breakdown of all fees for which they are responsible in order to better compare their options with respect to attending WKU or other schools; and Whereas, WKU in the past has provided upon billing students a fee-by-fee breakdown of the total amount of fees charged to them; and

Whereas, WKU has a responsibility to provide an unambiguous disclosure about all costs and fees charged to students so that students can make a well-informed decision with respect to their education, its attendant costs, and their ability to pay for it, whether now or in the future.

Therefore, be it resolved that the WKU faculty strongly encourages the administration to be transparent with respect to ALL fees imposed on students, and provide all students with an unambiguous breakdown of each and every fee, and the purpose for each fee.