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**Bill 39-23-S. 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

its Constitution to change and clarify the appointment process for vacant senator positions.

WHEREAS: Section 3.8 currently reads

“3.8.1. All but the three (3) freshman senators, one (1) graduate senator, one (1)

International senator, and one (1) Gatton Academy senator shall be elected in the spring election.

3.8.2. If the freshman, graduate, International or Gatton Academy senator position(s) will not be filled in the fall election, they shall change to at-large positions in the same fall election.”, and

WHEREAS: Section 3.9 currently reads

“3.9.1. Vacancies in the Senate after the fall elections shall be filled by an appointment from the President and approval by the majority of the Senate.”, and

WHEREAS: The transfer/nontraditional senator and First-Generation senator should be elected



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in the fall election to match with the start of a new academic year, during which most students transfer, and

WHEREAS: The Constitution currently does not give clear authority to the enforcement of by election codes during elections, and

WHEREAS: The process for replacing senators outlined in section 3.9 of the Constitution is not

clear, and

WHEREAS: New constitutional amendments are establishing more distinctions between senate

positions, and the distinction between these senate positions ought to be respected by the process for appointing successors in the event of a vacancy, and

WHEREAS: The International Student Engagement Center senator is inaccurately named, and

WHEREAS: Section 3.6.11 shall now read

“One (1) Intercultural student senator.”, and

WHEREAS: Section 3.8 shall now read

“3.8.1. The senior, junior, sophomore, college specific, senator at-large, and Intercultural Student Engagement Center (ISEC) student senators shall be elected in the spring election.

3.8.2. The freshman, graduate, International, Gatton Academy, First Generation, and Transfer/nontraditional student senators shall be elected in the fall election.

3.8.3. The spring and fall elections shall adhere to the election codes as set by the



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Judicial Council and approved by the majority of the Senate.”, and

WHEREAS: Section 3.9 shall now read

“3.9.1. Any senate position seat not filled after the spring or fall elections shall be filled by appointment

by the President and approved by a majority of the Senate.

3.9.2. Upon the nomination of a candidate for a senate position, the President shall announce which position they intend to fill.

3.9.3 In order to be nominated, nominees must meet the requirements set under the election codes used for the most recent election.

3.9.4. The President may turn vacant senate seats to senator at-large seats with approval by $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Senate.”

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will amend its Constitution.

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