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Bill 47-23-S. A Bill to Amend the Student Government Association Constitution

**PURPOSE:** For the Student Government Association to amend its constitution to change when elections for senate seats are held.

**WHEREAS:** Section 3.8.1 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.”, and

“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.”

**WHEREAS:** The transfer/nontraditional senator and First-Generation senator positions are currently elected in the Spring, and **WHEREAS:** Most transfer/nontraditional senators and First-Generation senators begin their time as a student in the Fall semester, and

**WHEREAS:** The purpose of having a transfer/nontraditional senator and First-Generation senator seat is to increase representation from those groups, and

**WHEREAS:** The current language undermines this purpose by preventing transfer, nontraditional, and first-generation students from running during their first year on campus.

**WHEREAS:** Section 3.8. shall now read:

“3.8.1. All but three (3) freshman senators, one (1) graduate senator, one (1) international senator, one first-generation senator, one (1) Transfer/nontraditional senator and one (1) Gatton Academy senator shall be elected in the Spring election.



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3.8.2. If the freshman, graduate, International, transfer/nontraditional, first-generation, 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.”

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

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