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Bill 50-23-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 is currently elected in the Spring, and

WHEREAS: The current state of affairs leaves first-year transfer students without an opportunity to run for a senate seat, even when other first-year students including freshmen, graduate, international, and Gatton Academy students are given that opportunity, and

WHEREAS: It is important to allow transfer students to have a voice in the Student Government Association during their first year on campus when they will be impacted by the transfer policies at Western Kentucky University, and

WHEREAS: Section 3.8. shall now read:

“3.8.1. Three (3) Senior class senators, three (3) Junior class senators, three (3) Sophomore class senators, one (1) Intercultural Student Engagement Center senator, one (1) First-Generation senator, fourteen (14) senators at-large, and one (1) senator from each academic college shall be elected in the Spring election.



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3.8.2. Three (3) Freshman class senators, one (1) graduate senator, one (1) International student senator, one (1) Gatton Academy senator, and one transfer/nontraditional senator shall be elected in the Fall election.”, and

WHEREAS: Currently, the Constitution erroneously refers to the “International Student Engagement Center” in section 3.6., and

WHEREAS: Section 3.6.11. shall now read:

“3.6.11. One (1) Intercultural Student Engagement Center Student Senator”

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

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