



STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
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First Reading: 11/7/23  
Second Reading: 11/14/23  
Pass:  
Fail:  
Other:

**Bill 9-23-F. A Bill to Amend the Bylaws of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University.**

- PURPOSE:** For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to amend its bylaws.
- (1)WHEREAS: Section 6 of the Bylaws is currently titled “Procedure for Committee Chair Removals, Expulsion from the Senate, and Votes of No Confidence/Impeachment Trials”, and
- (2)WHEREAS: Section 3.10 of the Student Government Association Constitution describes basic impeachment proceedings for a Senator, with no mention of expulsion procedures, and
- (3)WHEREAS: The Bylaws should be subordinate to the Constitution and accurately reflect the proceedings listed within it, and
- (4)WHEREAS: Section 6 of the Bylaws shall be retitled to “Procedure for Committee Chairs and Votes of No Confidence/Impeachment Trials”, and
- (5)WHEREAS: Section 6.1.2 currently reads,  
“6.1.2. Expulsion of Senators shall follow the Expulsion from the Senate Process as spelled out in SGA Bylaws Section 6.3”, and
- (7)WHEREAS: Section 6.1.2 shall now be removed from the Bylaws with all subsequent subsections renumbered, and
- (8)WHEREAS: Section 6.1.5 of the Bylaws currently reads,  
“6.1.5. Procedure for an Executive or Judicial impeachment brought before the Senate shall follow the same protocol as spelled out in SGA Bylaws Section 6.4”, and
- (9)WHEREAS: Section 6.1.5 will be amended to now read,  
“6.1.5. Procedure for a Legislative, Executive or Judicial impeachment brought before the Senate shall follow the same protocol as spelled out in SGA Bylaws Section 6.3”, and
- (10)WHEREAS: Section 6.3 of the Bylaws currently describes the process of expulsion from the Senate, and
- (11)WHEREAS: Section 6.3 shall now be removed from the Bylaws with all subsequent subsections renumbered, and



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- (12)WHEREAS: Section 6.4.1 of the Bylaws currently reads,
- “6.4.1. The Speaker of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, or Parliamentarian may face a vote of no confidence and may be removed from their position for failure to uphold any provision of the Constitution, the Bylaws, or any just cause. Any member of the Executive Cabinet or Judicial Council may be impeached from office pursuant to SGA Constitution may be removed from their position for failure to uphold any provision of the Constitution, the Bylaws, or any just cause”, and
- (13)WHEREAS: The above section with appropriate renumbering shall now read,
- “6.3.1. The Speaker of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, or Parliamentarian may face a vote of no confidence and may be removed from their position for failure to uphold any provision of the Constitution, the Bylaws, or any just cause. Any member of the Senate, Executive Cabinet, or Judicial Council may be impeached from office pursuant to SGA Constitution may be removed from their position for failure to uphold any provision of the Constitution, the Bylaws, or any just cause”, and
- (14)WHEREAS: Section 6.4.5.3 of the Bylaws currently reads,
- “6.4.5.3. The Chief Justice shall report the official petition with twenty percent (20%) Senate membership endorsement and call upon the Petitioners (those who signed and filed the endorsement) to make their case for the Speaker of the Senate’s, Secretary of the Senate’s, Parliamentarian’s, Executive Cabinet member’s, or Judicial Council member’s removal”, and
- (15)WHEREAS: The above section with appropriate renumbering shall now read,
- “6.3.5.3. The Chief Justice shall report the official petition with twenty percent (20%) Senate membership endorsement and call upon the Petitioners (those who signed and filed the endorsement) to make their case for the Speaker of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Parliamentarian, Senate member, Executive Cabinet member, or Judicial Council member’s removal”, and
- (16)WHEREAS: Section 6.4.5.4 of the Bylaws currently reads,
- “6.4.5.4. Upon the Petitioner’s conclusion, the Chief Justice shall call upon the Defendant (the Speaker of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Parliamentarian, Executive Cabinet member, or Judicial Council member) to make their case”, and
- (17)WHEREAS: The above section with appropriate renumbering shall now read,
- “6.3.5.4. Upon the Petitioner’s conclusion, the Chief Justice shall call upon the Defendant (the Speaker of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Parliamentarian, Senate member, Executive Cabinet member, or Judicial Council member) to make their case”, and



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- (18)WHEREAS: Section 6.4.5.9.2 of the Bylaws currently reads,  
“6.4.5.9.2. If a member of the Executive Cabinet or Judicial Council is facing an impeachment trial, the vote will be “Impeach and Remove” or “Acquit and Remain.” It shall be a roll call vote”, and
- (19)WHEREAS: The above section with appropriate renumbering shall now read,  
“6.3.5.9.2. If a member of the Senate, Executive Cabinet, or Judicial Council is facing an impeachment trial, the vote will be “Impeach and Remove” or “Acquit and Remain.” It shall be a roll call vote.”
- THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will amend its bylaws.
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