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Bill 12-17-F. A 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 the Constitution to abide by a systemized process when appointing new senators.

WHEREAS: It is the sole responsibility of the President of the Student Government Association to appoint a vacant senate seat with no official application process, upon two-thirds (2/3) senate approval, and

WHEREAS: Section 2.3.9 stating “Make University Senate appointments with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Senate.” Shall be stricken, and

WHEREAS: Section 2.3.9 shall now state, “Make University Senate appointments, from the two (2) candidates determined by the Senator Appointment Committee, and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Senate.” And,

WHEREAS: Add Section 5.10 “The Senator Appointment Committee shall:” establishing a committee to appoint vacant senator seats outside of an election cycle, and

WHEREAS: Add Section 5.10.1 “This committee shall be composed of six (6) senators chosen by a random process each time there is a Senate seat vacancy.” And,

WHEREAS: Add Section 5.10.2 “The committee shall be scheduled to meet within three (3) days of a senator seat vacancy.” And

WHEREAS: Add Section 5.10.3 “The committee will create an application, which will be open throughout the semester. Applications shall then be reviewed and the committee will choose two (2) applicants to recommend to the Student Body President.” And

WHEREAS: Add Section 5.10.4 “The Student Body President will choose between the two (2) applicants submitted by the committee for approval with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote by the Senate.”

WHEREAS: The creation of this committee will lead to a more unbiased and diverse Senate that will better represent the student body as a whole.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association to create the Senate Appointment Committee, to abide by a systemized process when appointing new senators.

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