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Resolution 4-17-S   Resolution to Support International Graduate Tuition Scholarships

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support the recommendation to match the number of credit hours for which the international graduate tuition scholarships are awarded to the degree length of the program to which the student is accepted.

WHEREAS: WKU's vision is to be "A Leading American University with International Reach;" and,

WHEREAS: WKU is expanding its international reach by recruiting more students from around the globe, and currently hosts over 1,200 international undergraduate and graduate students from 70 different countries; and,

WHEREAS: WKU awards a per-credit-hour tuition scholarships for up to 9 hours per semester for four semesters (fall/spring) for qualified international graduate students as a recruitment incentive; and,

WHEREAS: While the majority of master's degree programs require 36 hours or less to complete, approximately one-quarter of WKU's master's degree programs require more than 36 hours. International students in these programs are disproportionately affected financially, and retention and timely graduation are affected by financial factors; and,

WHEREAS: International students face additional financial challenges as F-1 visa holders (non-immigrant student visa) and are not eligible to apply for financial aid and not allowed to work off-campus.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University support a recommendation that the number of credit hours for which the international tuition scholarships are awarded match the degree length of the program to which the student is accepted.

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