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First Reading: 3-8-22

Second Reading: 3-22-22

Pass:

Fail:

Other:

Bill 18-22-S. Funding for the Diversity & Inclusion Mahurin Honors College Membership Fee Scholarship.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate \$1,500 to create a scholarship covering Mahurin Honors College membership fees for underrepresented minority students.

WHEREAS: The money will come from the Western Kentucky University Student Government Association (SGA) Legislative Discretionary funds, and

WHEREAS: The scholarship will be allocated to the Mahurin Honors College, who will administer the allocation of funds to student accounts, and

WHEREAS: The Mahurin Honors College (MHC) membership fee is \$160/semester for first-year students, \$140/semester for second-year students, \$120/semester for third-year students, and \$100/semester for fourth-year students, and

WHEREAS: This scholarship is applicable to any current or recently accepted underrepresented minority student in the MHC, and

WHEREAS: The selection committee for the scholarship will consist of MHC leadership, and

WHEREAS: Selected winners will be encouraged to participate in a photo opportunity, showcasing the diversity of MHC, and

WHEREAS: The Western Kentucky University statement and position on diversity, equity, and inclusion states, “The encompassing dimensions of diversity involve an appreciation of the differences and unique contributions represented by individual identity, opinion, and culture. Differences may be represented through areas such as race, gender, gender expression, ethnicity, language, religion, sexual orientation, geographic location, abilities or disabilities, and socioeconomic status,” and

WHEREAS: Diversity is a strategic planning metric of the University, and

WHEREAS: According to the WKU 2020 Fact Book, 11.3% of students enrolled in the MHC are minorities, as opposed to 21.7% of the entire WKU student body, and



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WHEREAS: This same scholarship has been passed in Spring 2021 (Bill 9-20-S), and supported 12 scholars during the Fall 2021 semester, and

WHEREAS: As SGA, it is our duty to support the students through the allocation of our available funds.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate \$1,500 to create the Diversity & Inclusion Honors Membership Fee Scholarship.

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