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First Reading: 11-16-21

Second Reading: 11-23-21

Pass:

Fail:

Other:

Resolution 7-21-F. Resolution to Support Critical Race Theory.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to Condemn the Banning of Critical Race Theory.

WHEREAS: Critical Race Theory is defined as an academic movement committed to showcasing racism as a systemic product of interacting policies, rather than solely an individual's biases, and

WHEREAS: House Bill Request 60 in the Kentucky State Legislature follows national trends of legislation attacking Critical Race Theory, and

WHEREAS: Section 2 of House Bill Request 60 states, "...Any orientation or requirement that present any form of race or sex stereotyping or a bias on the basis of race or sex shall be prohibited," seeking to ban diversity training in all forms, and

WHEREAS: The bill seeks to restrict how conversations around race, sex, and religion operate within the university setting, and

WHEREAS: Academic freedom is a core American value, and

WHEREAS: Banning Critical Race Theory verges on the lines of censorship and distorts historical events, and

WHEREAS: An accurate and holistic teaching of history is an integral tool to examine systemic racism in the United States and a vital tool for diversity and equity initiatives, and

WHEREAS: Critical Race Theory's analysis of systemic injustice is applicable and taught across courses and departments at Western Kentucky University, and

WHEREAS: This Student Government Association has a strong history of standing against systemic injustice, utilizing Critical Race Theory like in the passed Resolutions 6-17-S, 10-17-S, and 3-21-S, and

WHEREAS: Western Kentucky University commits itself to building equitable and inclusive learning environments per the institution's Diversity Statement, and

WHEREAS: Critical Race Theory is not a tool used to divide or antagonize current students, rather, to rectify and respond to past and present injustice, and

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- WHEREAS: Analyzing biases does not evoke violence, but helps us resolve it, and
- WHEREAS: Discomfort is not a valid excuse for the erasure of historical events from education, especially when that history has serious implications, and
- WHEREAS: SGA's stance to encourage diversity, equity and inclusion necessitates being able to analyze systemic disadvantages of certain groups which Critical Race Theory is one of the tools to do so.
- THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University
Condemns the Banning of Critical Race Theory.
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