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Resolution 5-13-S Resolution to Adopt Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to adopt amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws.

WHEREAS: All representative organizations should continually seek improvements to their operational structure to better represent their constituents, and

WHEREAS: The proposed amendments will provide minor changes that would adopt common practices at other student government organizations across the Commonwealth of Kentucky and elsewhere, and

WHEREAS: The proposed amendments will allow for greater involvement in the Student Government Association and will allow for diverse and more effective representation, and

WHEREAS: The proposed amendments have been reviewed and approved by the Judicial Council of the Student Government Association, pursuant to clause 4.5.9 of the Constitution.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University adopt the proposed amendments to the Constitution and subsequently refer these amendments to the student body for ratification on the spring 2013 election ballot, and

THEREFORE: Be it further resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University adopt the proposed amendments to the Bylaws.

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**Amendments to the Constitution of the
Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University**
Overview of Major Changes

Article 2

- The President shall no longer be required to appoint senator to attend Bowling Green City Commission meetings. (2.2.11)
- The Executive Vice President's duty to maintain relations with auxiliary services is eliminated. (2.3.5)
- The Administrative Vice President's duty to record minutes of the Executive Cabinet has been transferred to the Chief of Staff. (2.4.1/2.6.4)

Article 3

- The required office hours for the Secretary of the Senate have been reduced from five to two. (3.4.9)
- The number of senators for each class has been reduced from four to three each. (3.6.1-3.6.4)
- Students in each academic college shall elect one senator to represent the students of each respective college. (3.6.7)
- The number of at-large senators is reduced from seventeen to fifteen. (3.6.8)
- The president of each regional affiliate shall be a member of the Student Senate. (3.6.9)
- Clauses 3.7.1-3.7.5 were modified to accommodate the addition of academic college senators and to codify current election custom.

Article 4

- The term of office for members of the Judicial Council has been modified from one year to the duration of their academic career at WKU, provided they maintain requirements of the office. (4.3.4/10.4)
- The Judicial Council has final judicial review over the enactments and impeachment proceedings of all regional affiliates. (4.5.12, 4.5.13).

Article 5

- The membership for the constitutional committees of the Student Senate has been codified to reflect current custom.

Article 6

- This new section outlines the process for chartering regional affiliates, their jurisdiction, and other policies.

Article 7

- Organizational Aid board committee membership has been reduced from ten to six to reflect current custom. (7.1.1)

Amendments to the Bylaws of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University

Overview of Major Changes

Formatting and numbering has been modified to mirror that of the Constitution.

Article 2

- The positions of the Parliamentarian and Sergeant-at-Arms have been eliminated.

Article 2 (modified)

- Attendance requirement has been modified to reflect current custom.
- Judicial Censure sections have been amended to allow for a majority of the justices in the case of legislative/executive members and four justices with the concurrence of the president in the case of judicial members to investigate allegations that may lead to a judicial censure. (2.3, 2.4)

Article 4

- The Bowling Green City Commission report has been removed from the Order of Business to reflect the previous constitutional amendment.

Article 5

- Various definitions regarding legislative procedure have been removed; they were previously defined in the Constitution.

Article 7

- Corrects the appointment of committee chairs from Speaker to President, consistent with the Constitution.

Article 9 (added)

- Article 9 makes any currently serving SGA members ineligible for SGA-sponsored scholarships or grants.

*The highlighted amendment was rejected by the Student Senate. All other amendments were passed unanimously.

Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University

As amended, Spring 2013.

We, the students of Western Kentucky University, in order to form a legitimate body of students to address student needs, interests, and opinions toward all aspects of university life, promote student well-being and involvement, encourage diversity and tolerance between all groups and individuals, and to create proper channels through which student opinions, recommendations, and requests may be expressed to university administrators, do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University.

1. THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

- 1.1 All enrolled students of Western Kentucky University are considered members of the Student Government Association consequently possessing the right to vote in all elections of the Student Government Association.
- 1.2 The Student Government Association shall consist of three branches: the executive branch, the legislative branch, and the judicial branch.
- 1.3 The right for any student to be present at any meeting of any branch of student government shall not be restricted.
- 1.4 The right to view all records of any branch of student government shall not be restricted.
- 1.5 The Student Government Association shall abide by Western Kentucky University's Non-Discrimination Clause:
 - 1.5.1 "Each student has the right to a campus environment free of discrimination and/or harassment. Federal guidelines protect students against these practices and are covered by Title IX, Title VI, and Section 504. Any student who feels he/she is being discriminated against and/or harassed on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, or a disability should report the incident in accordance with the Student Grievance Procedure outlined in this Handbook. Assistance in filing a report of harassment may be obtained from the Office of Student Life, located in Room 442, Potter Hall, or the Office of Equal Opportunity/504/ADA Compliance, located in Room 13, Wetherby Administration Building".
- 1.6 This document shall function as the ultimate source of legitimacy and authority for the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University in all its business, action, and function.

2. THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

2.1 There shall be a President, Executive Vice President, and Administrative Vice President, and an Executive Staff consisting of a Chief of Staff, Director of Public Relations, Director of Information Technology, and Director of Academic and Student Affairs.

2.2 **Qualifications.**

To qualify for and hold an executive office, a person must meet the following requirements:

~~2.1.1~~2.2.1 Have a grade point average of no less than 2.5 cumulative.

~~2.1.2~~2.2.2 The President, Executive Vice President, and Administrative Vice President must have individually accumulated a minimum of thirty (30) credit hours at Western Kentucky University at the time of candidacy, and must be a full-time student at the time of candidacy.

~~2.1.3~~2.2.3 Be in good standing with the University.

~~2.1.4~~2.2.4 Be enrolled as a full-time student during the term of office and shall not be a member of the faculty.

~~2.1.5~~2.2.5 The President, Executive Vice President, and Administrative Vice President shall have completed one year of membership as an elected or appointed officer in the Student Government Association or may be granted an exemption by Judicial Council.

2.2.3 **Duties of the President.**

The President shall:

~~2.2.1~~2.3.1 Take office at least two (2) weeks prior to the end of the academic year and assume all duties for the office of President.

~~2.2.2~~2.3.2 Take over the position of Student Regent on June 30.

~~2.2.3~~2.3.3 Serve as the chief executive of the Student Government Association.

~~2.2.4~~2.3.4 Be the official representative of the student body.

~~2.2.5~~2.3.5 Enforce the provisions of this Constitution, the Bylaws, and any enactments of the Student Government Association.

~~2.2.6~~2.3.6 Report to the Senate weekly.

~~2.2.7~~2.3.7 Establish special committees within the Senate as needed with the approval of a majority of the Senate.

~~2.2.8~~2.3.8 Make Judicial Council appointments with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Senate.

~~2.2.9~~2.3.9 Make University Senate appointments with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Senate.

~~2.2.10~~2.3.10 Submit appointees to University committees where student representation is requested by the University with approval by a majority vote at the next Senate meeting.

~~2.2.11 Appoint a member of the Senate to represent the student body at Bowling Green City Commission meetings.~~

~~2.2.12~~2.3.11 Administer the oath of office to the officers and members of the Senate in the absence of a Justice of the Judicial Council.

~~2.2.13~~2.3.12 Make executive decisions deemed necessary when the Senate is not in session.

~~2.2.14~~2.3.13 Establish and post set office hours of a minimum of twelve (12) per week during regular business hours.

~~2.2.15~~2.3.14 Serve as chair of the Executive Cabinet.

~~2.2.16~~2.3.15 Be a voting member of the Executive Cabinet.

~~2.32.4~~ **The Duties of the Executive Vice President.**

The Executive Vice President shall:

~~2.3.12~~2.4.1 Assume all duties of the President in the absence of the President, except those of Student Regent.

~~2.3.22~~2.4.2 Serve as the Student Body Vice President.

~~2.3.32~~2.4.3 Be the student member of the Student Life Foundation.

~~2.3.42~~2.4.4 Maintain and coordinate regular contact with student organizations and the student body.

~~2.3.5 Maintain and coordinate relations with auxiliary services, at the discretion of the officeholder.~~

~~2.3.62~~2.4.5 Report to the Senate weekly.

~~2.3.72~~2.4.6 Serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of all Senate committees except for the Public Relations committee.

~~2.3.82~~2.4.7 Establish and post set office hours of a minimum of ten (10) per week during regular business hours.

~~2.3.92~~2.4.8 Serve as Vice-Chair of the Executive Cabinet.

~~2.3.102~~2.4.9 Be a voting member of the Executive Cabinet.

~~2.42.5~~ **The Duties of the Administrative Vice President.**

The Administrative Vice President shall:

~~2.4.1 Record minutes of the Student Government Association Executive Cabinet meetings.~~

~~2.4.22~~2.5.1 Supervise and be responsible for the financial affairs of the Student Government Association.

2.4.32.5.2 Make complete and detailed financial reports to the Senate and executive officers at the first Senate meeting of every month, as well as weekly reports of the financial status of the Student Government Association.

2.4.42.5.3 Expend funds as authorized by the Senate.

2.4.52.5.4 Keep a complete record of all financial transactions.

2.4.62.5.5 Work with the President and Executive Vice President in establishing and presenting a full, detailed budget to the Senate by the first meeting. The budget shall be in the hands of the Senate for at least seven (7) days before it is voted upon.

2.4.72.5.6 Submit financial records for an official audit.

2.4.82.5.7 Report to the Senate weekly.

2.4.92.5.8 Perform other duties as designated by the Senate in the area of financial affairs.

2.4.102.5.9 Establish and post set office hours of a minimum ten (10) per week during regular business hours.

2.4.112.5.10 Maintain appropriate files of all Student Government Association business; maintain records of all past and current legislation recording passage or failure; and make such business available to the University archives.

2.4.122.5.11 Serve as the chairperson of the Organizational Aid Board.

2.4.132.5.12 Be a voting member of the Executive Cabinet.

2.52.6 Duties of the Chief of Staff.

The Chief of Staff shall:

2.5.12.6.1 Be appointed by the President and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Senate.

2.5.22.6.2 Serve directly under the supervision of the President.

2.5.32.6.3 Coordinate the actions of the Executive Staff.

2.6.4 Record minutes of the Student Government Association Executive Cabinet meetings.

2.5.42.6.5 Supervise the office assistants not members of the Executive Branch.

2.5.52.6.6 Advise and assist the elected Executive Cabinet members.

2.5.62.6.7 Report to Senate weekly.

2.5.72.6.8 Establish and post set office hours of a minimum of ten (10) per week during regular business hours.

2.5.82.6.9 Be a voting member of the Executive Cabinet.

2.62.7 Duties of the Director of Public Relations.

The Director of Public Relations shall:

~~2.6.12.7.1~~ Be appointed by a consensus of the Executive Cabinet and approved by the Senate.

~~2.6.22.7.2~~ Serve directly under the Chief of Staff as a member of the Executive Staff.

~~2.6.32.7.3~~ Provide publicity for Student Government Association meetings, activities and programs.

~~2.6.42.7.4~~ Maintain communication channels with the media.

~~2.6.52.7.5~~ Advertise to the entire student body filing dates, campaign requirements, and election procedures at least two (2) weeks before filing dates.

~~2.6.62.7.6~~ Assist all committees of the Student Government Association concerning public relations.

~~2.6.72.7.7~~ Be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Public Relations committee.

~~2.6.82.7.8~~ Coordinate campus activities relating to the Student Government Association.

~~2.6.92.7.9~~ Report to the Senate weekly.

~~2.6.102.7.10~~ Establish and post set office hours of a minimum of ten (10) per week during regular business hours.

~~2.6.112.7.11~~ Be a voting member of the Executive Cabinet.

~~2.72.8~~ **Duties of the Director of Information Technology.**

The Director of Information Technology shall:

~~2.7.12.8.1~~ Be appointed by a consensus of the Executive Cabinet and approved by the Senate.

~~2.7.22.8.2~~ Serve directly under the Chief of Staff as a member of the Executive Staff.

~~2.7.32.8.3~~ Be responsible for the creation and/or maintenance of the Student Government Association website.

~~2.7.42.8.4~~ Be responsible for all information technology tasks.

~~2.7.52.8.5~~ Report to the Senate weekly.

~~2.7.62.8.6~~ Establish and post available hours of a minimum of five (5) per week during regular business hours.

~~2.7.72.8.7~~ Be a voting member of the Executive Cabinet.

~~2.82.9~~ **Duties of the Director of Academic and Student Affairs.**

The Director of Academic and Student Affairs shall:

~~2.8.12.9.1~~ Be appointed by a consensus of the Executive Cabinet and approved by the Senate.

- ~~2.8.22.9.2~~ 2.8.22.9.2 Serve directly under the Chief of Staff as a member of the Executive Staff.
- ~~2.8.32.9.3~~ 2.8.32.9.3 Be concerned and focused upon issues regarding academic and student affairs.
- ~~2.8.42.9.4~~ 2.8.42.9.4 Coordinate Student Government Association special events.
- ~~2.8.52.9.5~~ 2.8.52.9.5 Be concerned with various aspects of university policy and facilitate communication with the Student Government Association when appropriate.
- ~~2.8.62.9.6~~ 2.8.62.9.6 Serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Academic and Student Affairs committees.
- ~~2.8.72.9.7~~ 2.8.72.9.7 Report to the Senate weekly.
- ~~2.8.82.9.8~~ 2.8.82.9.8 Establish and post office hours of a minimum of five (5) per week during regular office hours.
- ~~2.8.92.9.9~~ 2.8.92.9.9 Be a voting member of the Executive Cabinet.

2.10 Executive Cabinet

- ~~2.8.102.10.1~~ 2.8.102.10.1 There shall be an Executive Cabinet which shall consist of the President, Executive Vice President, Administrative Vice President and the Executive Staff. The Executive Cabinet shall:
- ~~2.8.10.12.10.1.1~~ 2.8.10.12.10.1.1 Carry out the policies and directives established by the Senate in accordance with this Constitution.
- ~~2.8.10.22.10.1.2~~ 2.8.10.22.10.1.2 Make proposals on matters of policy and recommend plans of action for consideration by the Senate.
- ~~2.8.10.32.10.1.3~~ 2.8.10.32.10.1.3 Perform any other duties that may be designated by the Senate.
- ~~2.8.10.42.10.1.4~~ 2.8.10.42.10.1.4 Have veto power over all legislation passed by the Senate with each officer having one vote. A successful veto requires a majority vote of the Executive Cabinet. The sponsoring committee of the vetoed legislation must be given a written explanation within forty-eight (48) hours as to why the legislation was vetoed. The President shall present reasons for the veto at the next regular meeting of the Senate. If the legislation is not vetoed, the Senate Secretary will stamp it approved.

2.92.11 Vacancies

- ~~2.9.12.11.1~~ 2.9.12.11.1 In the event that the President is unable to fulfill the term of office due to illness, withdrawal, or failure to maintain the requirements of office, the office of the President, with the exception of the position of Student Regent, shall be fulfilled by the Executive Vice President.
- ~~2.9.22.11.2~~ 2.9.22.11.2 In the event that the President is unable to fulfill the term of office due to illness, withdrawal, or failure to maintain the requirements of office, the position of Student Regent, shall be fulfilled by a

constitutionally-qualified person elected by the student body in a special election (as mandated by KRS 164.321).

~~2.9.32.11.3~~ Judicial Council shall have discretion over the timeline, applications, and campaigning for the special election.

~~2.9.42.11.4~~ In the event that any executive officer other than the President is unable to fulfill the term of office, due to illness, withdrawal, or failure to maintain the requirements of office, the position shall be fulfilled for the remainder of the term by a constitutionally-qualified person appointed by the President with the approval of a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

~~2.9.52.11.5~~ In the event that both the President and Vice President cannot fulfill their terms, due to illness, withdrawal, or failure to maintain the requirements of office, both positions shall be fulfilled by constitutionally-qualified persons elected by the student body in a special election.

~~2.102.12~~ **Impeachment**

~~2.10.12.12.1~~ Any executive officer may be removed from office for failure to uphold any provision of this Constitution or for any just cause.

~~2.10.22.12.2~~ For impeachment proceedings to be initiated, a written endorsement of at least twenty percent (20%) of the Senate membership is required.

~~2.10.32.12.3~~ Impeachment proceedings shall be in a special session of the Senate and be presided over by the Chief Justice of the Judicial Council.

~~2.10.42.12.4~~ A final vote in a special session of the Senate may not be called until at least fourteen days after proceedings are initiated. The impeachment procedure shall be by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the full membership of the Senate acting as a judicial body.

3. THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

3.1 The name of the Legislative Branch shall be the Student Senate, referred to as the Senate. The Senate shall:

3.1.1 Be the official voice of the student body of Western Kentucky University.

3.1.2 Establish policies and programs necessary for the proper functioning of the Student Government Association in compliance with the principles and provisions embodied in this Constitution.

3.1.3 Approve the budget with recommendation for final approval by the University administration.

3.1.4 Function as a judicial body during impeachment proceedings.

3.1.5 Approve Constitutional appointments with the appropriate vote.

3.1.6 Establish special committees within the Senate as need determines with approval of a majority vote.

- 3.1.7 Have the authority to propose modifications of University policies affecting the activities and welfare of the student body.
- 3.1.8 Have the authority to establish Bylaws.
- 3.1.9 Have the power to override any veto imposed by the Executive Cabinet by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

3.2 Qualifications.

To qualify and hold the position of Senate officer, a person must meet the following requirements:

- ~~3.1.10~~3.2.1 Have a grade point average no less than 2.5 cumulative.
- ~~3.1.11~~3.2.2 Be in good standing with the University.
- ~~3.1.12~~3.2.3 Be enrolled as a student during the term of office and shall not be a member of the faculty.
- ~~3.1.13~~3.2.4 The Speaker of the Senate shall be elected from the Senate serving during the Spring Semester for the next academic year.

3.2.3 Duties of the Speaker of the Senate.

The Speaker of the Senate shall:

- ~~3.2.13~~3.3.1 Preside over all Senate meetings or appoint a member of the Senate to preside in the case of absence.
- ~~3.2.23~~3.3.2 Serve as the Coordinator of Committees. The Coordinator of Committees shall:
 - ~~3.2.2.13~~3.3.2.1 Meet regularly with the chairs of all standing and ad hoc committees to regularly examine their progress.
 - ~~3.2.2.23~~3.3.2.2 Work to prevent duplication of committee activities and legislation and direct legislative ideas to the proper committee.
 - ~~3.2.2.33~~3.3.2.3 Coordinate with the Executive Cabinet in all lobbying efforts of passed legislation.
- ~~3.2.33~~3.3.3 Call special meetings of the Senate provided twenty-four (24) hours notification is given.
- ~~3.2.43~~3.3.4 Establish special committees within the Senate as needed with the approval of a majority vote of the Senate.
- ~~3.2.53~~3.3.5 Preside over all impeachment proceedings for members of the Judicial Council.
- ~~3.2.63~~3.3.6 Establish and post set office hours of a minimum of six (6) per week during regular business hours.
- ~~3.2.73~~3.3.7 Attend regular Executive Cabinet meetings serving as an ex-officio, non-voting member.
- ~~3.2.83~~3.3.8 Upon assumption of office, the Speaker of the Senate shall be at least a sophomore in good standing with the University and have served at least one academic year as a Senator.

3.3.4 Duties of the Secretary of the Senate.

The Secretary of the Senate shall:

- 3.3.13.4.1 Be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate and approved by the Senate.
- 3.3.23.4.2 Record minutes and take roll of the Senate meetings.
- 3.3.33.4.3 Shall keep an accurate record of all Senators' qualifications.
- 3.3.43.4.4 Distribute the Constitution and Bylaws at the first meeting of Senate.
- 3.3.53.4.5 Maintain appropriate files of all Student Government Association business; maintain records of all past and current legislation recording passage or failure; and make such files and records available to University archives.
- 3.3.63.4.6 Supervise and manage Senate committee secretaries.
- 3.3.73.4.7 Forward appropriate legislation to the faculty, staff and administrators of Western Kentucky University.
- 3.3.83.4.8 Notify the Judicial Council and Speaker of the Senate of excessive absences on the part of Senate and/or committee members, and be responsible for notifying members in question of the pending judicial review within the time frame of three (3) Senate meetings.
- 3.3.93.4.9 Establish and post set office hours of a minimum of ~~five~~ two (2) per week during regular business hours.

3.5 Qualifications.

To qualify for and hold a Senate seat, a candidate must meet the following requirements:

- 3.3.103.5.1 Have a grade point average of no less than 2.5 cumulative.
- 3.3.113.5.2 Be in good standing with the University.
- 3.3.123.5.3 Be enrolled as a student during the term of office and shall not be a member of the faculty.

3.4.6 The Senate shall be composed of the following:

- 3.4.13.6.1 ~~Four (4)~~ Three (3) senior class senators.
- 3.4.23.6.2 ~~Four (4)~~ Three (3) junior class senators.
- 3.4.33.6.3 ~~Four (4)~~ Three (3) sophomore class senators.
- 3.4.43.6.4 ~~Four (4)~~ Three (3) freshman class senators.
- 3.4.53.6.5 Two (2) graduate student senators.
- 3.4.63.6.6 One (1) Gatton Academy student senator.
- 3.6.7 ~~Seventeen (17)~~ One (1) senator from each academic college elected by students within the respective college for a total of six (6) senators.

~~3.4.73.6.8~~ Fifteen (15) at-large senators.

3.6.9 The president or a delegated representative of each chartered regional affiliate.

~~3.53.7~~ The election procedures of the Senate shall be:

~~3.5.13.7.1~~ That all but the four (4) freshman senators, academic college senators, and three (3) at-large positions shall be elected in the spring.

~~3.5.23.7.2~~ That the four (4) freshman senators and three (3) at-large positions shall be elected in the fall elections.

~~3.5.33.7.3~~ That the one (1) Gatton Academy student senator and two (2) graduate senators shall be elected in the fall election.

3.7.4 The senators from each academic college will be elected in the fall election.

~~3.5.43.7.5~~ If the graduate ~~and~~ Gatton Academy, and academic college student senator position(s) will not be filled in the ~~spring or subsequent~~ fall ~~elections~~election, they shall change to at-large positions in the same fall elections.

3.63.8 Vacancies:

~~3.6.13.8.1~~ Vacancies in the Senate after the fall elections shall be filled by an appointment from the President and approval by the majority of the Senate.

3.73.9 Impeachment:

~~3.7.13.9.1~~ Any member of the Senate may be removed from office for failure to uphold any provision of this Constitution or for any just cause.

~~3.7.23.9.2~~ For impeachment proceedings to be initiated, a written endorsement of at least twenty percent (20%) of the Senate's membership is required.

~~3.7.33.9.3~~ Impeachment proceedings shall be in a special session of the Senate and shall be presided over by the Chief Justice of the Judicial Council.

~~3.7.43.9.4~~ A final vote in a special session of Senate may not be called until at least fourteen (14) days after proceedings are initiated. The impeachment procedure shall be by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the full membership of the Senate acting as a judicial body.

3.83.10 Committee Head Removal.

~~3.8.13.10.1~~ Any Committee Head may be removed from office for failure to uphold any provision of this Constitution or for any just cause.

~~3.8.23.10.2~~ Committee Head Removal shall follow the same protocol as Senate Impeachment proceedings.

~~3.8.33.10.3~~ If the Committee Head of any committee is removed, the Vice-Chair of said committee shall be the acting Committee Head until a new Committee Head can be appointed in accordance with this Constitution.

3.93.11 Vote of No Confidence:

~~3.9.43.11.1~~ The Speaker of the Senate may be removed from office for failure to uphold any provision of this Constitution or for any just cause.

~~3.9.23.11.2~~ Removal of the Speaker of the Senate shall follow the same protocol as Senate Impeachment proceedings.

~~3.9.33.11.3~~ If the Speaker is removed, the committee head of the Legislative Research Committee shall be the interim Speaker until a new Speaker can be elected in accordance with this Constitution

~~3.9.43.11.4~~ The new Speaker shall be elected within two (2) Senate meetings of the removal of the previous Speaker.

4. THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

4.1 The judicial authority of the Student Government Association shall be vested in the Judicial Council.

4.2 Qualifications.

To qualify for and remain as a member of the Judicial Council, a person must meet the following requirements:

~~4.1.14.2.1~~ Be in good standing with the University.

~~4.1.24.2.2~~ Be a student during the entire term of office and not be a member of the faculty.

~~4.1.34.2.3~~ Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 cumulative.

~~4.1.44.2.4~~ Not be a member of any other branch of the Student Government Association during the term of office.

4.24.3 Organization and Terms of Office.

~~4.2.14.3.1~~ The Judicial Council shall be composed of five (5) Justices appointed by the President with the approval of a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

~~4.2.24.3.2~~ The members of the Judicial Council shall be appointed to take office no later than two (2) weeks after the beginning of the fall term. Any vacancies shall be filled within two (2) weeks of the resignation.

~~4.2.34.3.3~~ The Chief Justice of the Judicial Council shall be appointed by the President of the Student Government Association from the five (5) members with approval of a majority vote of the Senate.

4.3.4 Each member of the Judicial Council shall serve for the duration of their academic career provided they maintain requirements of the office.

4.2.44.3.5 All Judicial Council records and minutes shall be posted for two (2) weeks and then filed in the Student Government Association office.

4.4 Duties of the Chief Justice.

The Chief Justice of the Judicial Council shall:

4.2.54.4.1 Be the presiding officer of the Judicial Council.

4.2.64.4.2 Have completed one year of membership as an Associate Justice of the Judicial Council or may be granted an exemption by the Senate.

4.2.74.4.3 Schedule meetings of the Judicial Council.

4.2.84.4.4 Administer the oath of office to the officers of the Student Government Association. In the absence of the Chief Justice, an Associate Justice or the President may administer the oath of office.

4.2.94.4.5 Preside over all impeachment proceedings for members of the executive and legislative branches.

4.2.104.4.6 Call special meetings of the Judicial Council provided twenty-four (24) hours notice is given.

4.5 Duties of the Judicial Council.

The Judicial Council shall:

4.2.114.5.1 At its first meeting select one (1) Justice as clerk to record minutes and post all records in the Student Government Association office.

4.2.124.5.2 Designate a Justice to report to the Senate twice a month.

4.2.134.5.3 Interpret the Constitution and Bylaws of the Student Government Association upon request.

4.2.144.5.4 Have the power of judicial review over actions of the Executive Cabinet and the Senate upon request by any duly registered student of Western Kentucky University not in the Judicial Council.

4.2.154.5.5 Head and adjudicate all cases of appeal concerning elections and qualifications for candidacy.

4.2.164.5.6 Establish general procedural rules and ethical considerations for the Judicial Council.

4.2.174.5.7 Enact and review Election Codes subject to the approval of a majority vote of the Senate.

4.2.184.5.8 Establish such committees as deemed necessary for elections.

4.2.194.5.9 Review all Constitutional amendments before the Senate's vote.

4.2.204.5.10 Take appropriate action, in accordance with the attendance policy, against those who have been brought up for review.

4.2.214.5.11 Meet no less than twice a month.

4.5.12 Review any enactments of regional affiliates at the request of any student to determine if the enactment is in conflict with the resolutions, enactments, constitution, and bylaws of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University. Any enactment deemed in conflict shall be considered void.

4.5.13 Review the impeachment proceedings by regional affiliates to consider the case and make the final determination.

4.34.6 Impeachment

4.3.14.6.1 Any member of the Judicial Council may be removed from office for failure to uphold any provision of this Constitution or for any just cause.

4.3.24.6.2 For impeachment proceedings to be initiated, a written endorsement of at least twenty percent (20%) of the Senate membership is required.

4.3.34.6.3 Impeachment proceedings shall be in a special session of the Senate and shall be presided over by the Speaker of the Senate.

4.3.44.6.4 A final vote may not be called until at least fourteen (14) days after proceedings are initiated. The impeachment procedure shall be by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the full membership of the Senate acting as a judicial body.

5. CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES

5.1 Standing committees, and ad-hoc committees if created by the Senate, are the legislative vehicles for the Senate, and are thus to be considered part of the legislative branch.

5.1.1 All committees, standing and ad-hoc, shall be headed by a committee chairperson.

5.1.2 Committee heads shall be appointed by the President and approved by the majority of the Senate.

5.1.3 To qualify and hold the position of committee head, an individual must be an elected or appointed member of the Legislative Branch.

5.2 The **Legislative Research Committee** shall:

5.2.1 Be composed of ~~any students and~~ a number of Senate members ~~wishing to serve~~ as assigned by the Speaker.

5.2.2 Collect and review all proposed legislation prior to the second reading before the Senate.

5.2.3 Ensure that all proposed legislation has been properly researched by the author and require the mandatory presence of at least one author at Legislative Research Committee meetings.

5.2.4 Determine the constitutionality of all proposed legislation and decide whether or not any conflict exists with a previous piece of legislation.

- 5.2.5 Perform duties as delegated by the Senate or the consensus of the Executive Cabinet.
- 5.3 The **Student Affairs Committee** shall:
 - 5.3.1 Be composed of ~~any students and~~ a number of Senate members ~~wishing to serve~~ as assigned by the Speaker.
 - 5.3.2 Serve the student body on all non-academic affairs and address cultural issues on campus.
 - 5.3.3 Perform duties as delegated by Senate or the consensus of the Executive Cabinet.
- 5.4 The **Academic Affairs Committee** shall:
 - 5.4.1 Be composed of ~~any students and Senators wishing to serve~~ a number of Senate members as assigned by the Speaker.
 - 5.4.2 Serve the student body on all academic matters.
 - 5.4.3 Perform duties as delegated by the Senate or the consensus of the Executive Cabinet.
- 5.5 The **Public Relations Committee** shall:
 - 5.5.1 Be composed of ~~any students and Senators wishing to serve~~ a number of Senate members as assigned by the Speaker.
 - 5.5.2 Provide publicity for all Student Government Association meetings, activities, and programs.
 - 5.5.3 Assist all Student Government Association committees concerning public relations.
 - 5.5.4 Assist the Director of Public Relations in maintaining the communication channels with the media.
 - 5.5.5 Perform duties as delegated by Senate or the consensus of the Executive Cabinet.
- 5.6 The **Campus Improvements Committee** shall:
 - 5.6.1 Be composed of ~~any students and Senators wishing to serve~~ a number of Senate members as assigned by the Speaker.
 - 5.6.2 Serve the student body by addressing the physical development of Western Kentucky University.
 - 5.6.3 Perform duties as delegated by the Senate or the consensus of the Executive Cabinet.

6. REGIONAL AFFILIATES

- 6.1 Enrolled students at any WKU satellite or regional campus have the ability to form organizations to represent their interests and be affiliated with the Student Government Association at Western Kentucky University.
- 6.2 Regional affiliates should seek solely to represent students at the respective campus in manners and policy not inconsistent with the resolutions, enactments, constitution, and bylaws of the Student Government Association at Western Kentucky University.
- 6.3 Regional affiliates shall not be considered active until copies of the regional affiliate constitution and bylaws are submitted to the Student Government Association at Western Kentucky University for review and a chartering resolution has been passed by the Student Senate.
- 6.4 The president, or a delegated representative, of each regional affiliate shall be considered a student senator within the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University.
- 6.5 All enactments of regional affiliates should be transmitted to the president of the Student Government Association at Western Kentucky University within forty-eight (48) hours.
- 6.6 Any enactment of a regional affiliate may be reviewed by the Judicial Council of the Student Government Association at Western Kentucky University at the request of any student to determine if the enactment is in conflict with the resolutions, enactments, constitution, and bylaws of the Student Government Association at Western Kentucky University. Any enactment deemed in conflict shall be considered void.
- 6.7 Any person impeached by a regional affiliate has the right to appeal to the Judicial Council of the Student Government Association at Western Kentucky University to consider the case and make the final determination.

6.7. ORGANIZATIONAL-AID BOARD

6.17.1 The Organizational-Aid Board shall:

- 6.17.1.1 Be composed of ~~ten~~ at least six (6) members appointed by the Administrative Vice President and approved by the Executive Cabinet and by the majority of the Senate.
- 6.17.1.2 Dispense aid to student organizations.
- 6.17.1.3 Be chaired by the Administrative Vice President.
- 6.17.1.4 Submit its recommendations for organizational aid to the Senate.

7.8. ADVISOR

7.18.1 The advisor of the Student Government Association shall be the Vice President of Student Affairs or a delegated representative.

8.9. FINANCES

~~8.1~~9.1 The Student Government Association shall be financed in accordance with the policies and procedures specified by the chief fiscal officer of the University, and in accordance with Kentucky state law.

9.10. TERM OF OFFICE

~~9.1~~10.1 All executive officers shall assume office or receive their appointments at least two (2) weeks prior to the end of the academic school year and shall serve for one (1) academic year.

~~9.2~~10.2 All Senate members elected in the spring shall assume office no later than two (2) weeks after the beginning of the fall term and shall serve for one (1) academic year.

~~9.3~~10.3 All Senate members elected in the fall shall assume office no later than two (2) weeks after the fall elections and shall serve for one (1) academic year.

~~9.4~~10.4 All Judicial Council Justices shall assume office no later than two (2) weeks after the beginning of the fall term and shall serve for ~~one (1) academic year~~ the duration of their academic career, provided they maintain the requirements of the office.

10.11. AMENDMENTS

~~10.1~~11.1 This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the full membership of the Senate and subsequent referendum by a majority of the student body voting.

Bylaws of WKU Student Government Association

*As adopted, Fall 2005.
As amended, Spring 2013.*

Article I:

1. Purpose, Interpretation, Suspension, and Amendments

~~Section~~ 1.1 Purpose and Interpretation

These Bylaws shall provide the members of the Student Government Association with clear and uniform procedures for the conduct of business. This document shall be considered subordinate to the Student Government Association Constitution, as amended, all rules and regulations of the University as ~~outlined~~ outlined in ~~Hilltop~~ the student handbook, and all local and state laws.

All matters not covered within these ~~Bylaws~~ bylaws shall be governed by *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*. Interpretation of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall be made by the Speaker of the Senate while the Senate is in session, the Chief Justice of Judicial Council, during meetings of the Judicial Council, the chair(s) of the standing and/or special committees while they are in session, and the President between meetings of the Senate.

~~Section 1.2~~ Suspension of ~~By-laws~~ ~~The~~ Bylaws

The bylaws may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of Senators, present and voting, in order to vote on an issue before the Senate, ~~excepting any clauses that provide for their own suspension requirements.~~

~~Section~~ 1.3 Amendments

These ~~Bylaws~~ bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Senate, present and voting, provided that it has gone up for first reading at the previous meeting of the Senate.

Article II: Duties of the Parliamentarian and Sergeant at Arms

~~Section 1~~ Parliamentarian

~~The Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate and approved by the Senate. He/she shall be in good standing with the University; not be a member of the Senate, Executive Branch, or Judicial Council; and have a demonstrated working knowledge of Parliamentary procedure. The Parliamentarian shall advise the Speaker of the Senate on parliamentary~~

procedure, and shall render interpretations of *Robert's Rules of Order*, Newly Revised as requested by the Speaker of the Senate, any Executive Cabinet member, any chair of any standing or special committee, or any member of the Senate. The Parliamentarian shall be considered a member of the Legislative Branch. As outlined in Article I, Section 1 of these By-laws, *Robert's Rules of Order*, Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority for the Student Senate.

Section 2 — Sergeants-at-Arms

The Sergeant at Arms shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate, approved by the Senate, be in good standing with the University, and not be a member of the Senate, the Executive Branch, or Judicial Council. He/she shall perform such functions and exercise such duties as directed by the Speaker of the Senate while the Senate is in session.

Article III: Attendance Policy, Resignation, Censure, and Judicial Review

Section 2.1 Attendance Required

Attendance and active involvement within the Student Government Association meetings shall be considered an important part of an expectation of all elected and appointed members of all meetings held within each respective branch of SGA.

Section 2.2 Excused Absences for Senate Members

Members of the Senate shall be allowed no more than three (3) absences per semester, unless excused by the Judicial Council.

Section 2.3 Judicial Censure Against Executive or Legislative Officers

Any official request for the censure of any executive or legislative SGA officer, made by no less than ten (10) students, shall be investigated by the Judicial Council. The Judicial Council may also begin an investigation if a majority of the justices believe it is necessary. If the officer in question is found to be neglecting or wanting in their duties, then the Judicial Council shall issue a censure.

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2.4 Judicial Censure Against Justices

Any official request for censure of any justice, made by no less than ten (10) students, shall be investigated by the other four justices, with the president, or his/her designated representative, presiding and breaking any ties. The Judicial Council may also begin an investigation if a majority of the other four justices and the President, or his/her representative, believe it is necessary. If the justice is found to be neglecting or wanting in their duties, then a censure shall be issued.

~~Section~~ 2.5 **Judicial Review of Excessive Absences**

Any member of the Senate that has excessive absences, and/or has already received a Censure, shall be referred by the Speaker of the Senate to the Judicial Council, pursuant to Article III, Section 3.5, of the SGA Constitution. Once the member in question is notified of his/her excessive absences, he/she shall appear before the Judicial Council to explain why the member was so frequently absent, and provide information as why excessive absences on their part shall not occur again. The Judicial Council shall meet and decide on the matter within seven (7) days of receiving it and shall notify all parties involved as soon as possible.

~~Section~~ 2.6 **Resignation**

Any member of the Senate who resigns his/her seat shall notify the Speaker of the Senate as soon as possible. This shall also apply to the Chair(s) of the standing and special committees, who shall also notify the President and the Chief Justice of the Judicial Council.

Article IV: 3. **Meeting Procedure**

~~Section~~ 3.1 **Student Senate Time and Location**

The Senate shall meet at 5:00 pm every Tuesday in the academic year in the Senate Chambers, unless otherwise agreed to by a majority vote of the Senate.

~~Section~~ 3.2 **Executive Cabinet**

The Executive Cabinet shall meet once a week at a time and location agreed to by its members.

~~Section~~ 3.3 **Judicial Council**

The Judicial Council shall meet at least twice a month at a time and location agreed to by its members; however, it can also meet on call of the Chief Justice, provided twenty-four (24) hours' notice is given (i.e. calling of an emergency meeting).

~~Section~~ 3.4 **Open Meetings**

All meetings of all branches of Student Government Association shall be in full compliance with the Kentucky Open Meetings Law, KRS 61.805 and shall be scheduled and conducted in such a manner that all interested persons of the student body shall be given an opportunity to attend and have their views recognized at the discretion of the chair or code of conduct governing the body and given full and due considerations as specified in Article 1 of the Constitution under special orders.

~~Section~~ 3.5 **Minutes of Judicial Council**

The Judicial Council Clerk shall make copies of all minutes of Judicial Council proceedings available in the SGA office.

~~Section~~ 3.6 **Agenda**

There shall be a posted agenda containing all pending matters before all branches of SGA, and the agenda shall also be made available to the media and other interested persons.

~~Section~~ 3.7 **“Seconds”**

There shall be “Seconds” containing information regarding matters brought before the Senate available for distribution to members of the Senate and members of the student body. The Director of Public Relations shall be responsible for this duty.

Article V:4. Order of Business, Meetings of the Senate

~~Section~~ 4.1 **Format**

The following shall be the order of business at each weekly meeting of the Senate:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Officer Reports. Executive Cabinet shall render reports at this time followed by the reports of the Speaker of the Senate and the Secretary of the Senate.
5. Committee Reports. Reports shall be given by the chair(s) of all standing and special committees concerning committee business. The report shall include committee recommendations on pending legislation and any other business taken by the committee.

~~6. City Commission Representative Report. The City Commission Representative shall report about the Bowling Green City commission meetings with emphasis on matters affecting Western Kentucky University students.~~

~~7.6. University Senate Reports. The five (5) student representatives of the University Senate shall report at this time.~~

~~8.7. Special Orders. Special Orders shall include the election and swearing-in of new members and the election of Senator/Committee Member of the Month. Members of the Senate or any chair(s) of any standing or special committee shall speak on topics not pending before the Senate for no longer than ten~~

minutes. Any student of the University who has a matter to bring before the Senate shall be allowed to speak at this time for no longer than ten minutes.

9-8. Unfinished Business. Items considered at this time shall include items which have received first reading at the previous meeting.

10-9. New Business. Items considered at this time shall include any new business to come before the Senate including first readings of bills and resolutions.

11-10. Announcements. All announcements for upcoming activities shall be made at this time.

12-11. Adjournment.

Section 4.2 Quorum

A simple majority of members of the Senate shall constitute a quorum for the consideration of business.

Article VI:5. Legislative Procedure

Section 5.1 Definitions.

~~For purposes of the section:~~

Resolution is any act of Senate which recommends changes in University policy or which expresses the sentiments of Senate.

Bill is any act of the Senate which shall make changes that are under the direct jurisdiction of the Senate.

Purpose Clause which shall be included in all proposed items of legislation, shall contain a statement of the concern the author of said legislation is addressing.

Whereas Clause(s) ais/are statement(s) as to why the policy needs to be changed, and end with a "...and," except for the last clause, and be capitalized.

Resolution Clause a(s) is/are statement describing the type of end result the author of said legislation is seeking shall begin with a "Therefore" and end with a period.

Author is any member of the Senate or WKU student who has written the item of legislation to be acted on by the Senate.

Sponsor shall be any standing or special committee of SGA that all legislation shall originate/derive from.

~~*LRC* is the Legislative Research Committee, which shall collect and review all proposed legislation, shall perform such other functions with regard to proposed legislation pursuant to Article V, Section 3 of the SGA Constitution.~~

~~*Veto* is the act taken by the Executive Cabinet that disapproves legislation.~~

~~“Override” is the act taken by the Senate to reconsider legislation previously vetoed by the Executive Cabinet.~~

~~“Censure” is an act taken by the Judicial Council expressing disapproval of the action taken by an officer of the SGA.~~

~~Section~~ 5.2 **Format for Proposed Legislation**

~~_____~~ All proposed legislation shall adhere to the following format:

1. Purpose Clause
2. Whereas Clause(s)
3. Resolution Clause

~~Section~~ 5.3 **Stages of Proposed Legislation**

1. All proposed Legislation shall be sponsored by standing/special committees and shall be referred to the LRC after the first reading before the Senate with the author, or a designated representative in attendance, pursuant to Article V, Section 3.3 of the SGA Constitution, as amended, and the person(s) so designated shall be well-versed on the legislation that is up for review.
2. Authors of legislation must attend a scheduled meeting of LRC and defend their legislation within two weeks.
3. Any member of the Committee from which the legislation originated that does not agree with the item may appear before LRC to give a minority report.
4. All legislation shall go through two readings; on the second reading, the author, or his designated representative, may speak in support of the legislation.
5. Once it has been approved by a majority vote of the Senate, the Executive Cabinet shall vote to either ratify or reject the legislation within 14 days of the legislations approval by the Senate. If it fails to act within that time, the legislation shall be considered approved.
6. If the Executive Cabinet approves legislation, the Administrative Vice President shall send the item for review, approval, and/or implementation to:
 - a. The office that will be responsible for enacting the approved legislation
 - b. The Vice President of the particular University department
 - c. The Vice President for Student Affairs
 - d. The Dean of Student Affairs
 - e. The Director of Student Activities
 - f. The University President
7. If the Executive Cabinet vetoes any legislation passed by the Senate, the President shall report to the author of said legislation within forty-eight (48) hours of its meeting and to the Senate at its next regular meeting. A two-

thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate, present and voting, can override vetoes of the Executive Cabinet, pursuant to Article III, Section 8 of the SGA Constitution.

Article VII:6. Fiscal Policy

Section 6.1 Funding Restrictions

The Student Government Association may allocate funds solely to students. All students may be required to finance a portion of their expenses by supplementary income.

Section 6.2 100% Rule

- A. If one hundred percent (100%) of an event's budget is financed by SGA, then all advertising and printed materials for that event must include the following words:
- i. "Funded by your Student Government" or
 - ii. "Supported by your Student Government" or
 - iii. Include the SGA Logo.
- B. If less than one hundred percent (100%) of an event's budget is financed by SGA, then all advertising and printed material for that event must include the following words:
- i. "Funded in part by your Student Government" or
 - ii. "Supported in part by your Student Government" or
 - iii. Include the SGA Logo.

Section 6.3 Non-Discrimination Clause

Events and/or organizations which discriminate against any group of students shall not be funded by SGA.

Section 6.4 Fiscal Record Keeping

The chief financial officer of the SGA shall follow the guidelines set forth in Bill 02-07-F.

Article VIII:7. Committees

Section 7.1 Committee Officers

Each standing or special committee shall have a chair who shall be **nominated by the Speaker of the Senate appointed by the President** and approved by the Senate. The election of a Vice-Chair, who shall be nominated by majority vote of the

standing or special committee, and approved by the Senate, and a Secretary, who shall be approved by majority vote of the committee, shall be left to the discretion of the standing or special committee.

~~Section~~ 7.2 **Duties of Committee Chair.**

~~Shall preside~~ Committee chairs shall:

7.2.1 Preside over all Committee meetings.

~~Shall be~~ 7.2.2 Be responsible for all Committee activities.

~~Shall meet~~ 7.2.3. Meet with the Speaker of the Senate at least twice a month, pursuant to Article V, Section 2.1, of the SGA Constitution.

~~Shall meet~~ 7.2.4 Meet with the other Committee Chair(s) on a regular basis.

~~Shall report~~ 7.2.5 Report to the Senate on a weekly basis on its legislation and activities.

~~Shall perform~~ 7.2.6. Perform such other duties as directed by the Speaker of the Senate or the Senate.

~~Section~~ 7.3 **Duties of the Committee Vice-Chair**

~~Shall~~ Committee vice-chairs shall perform the duties of the Chair in his/her absence and perform other duties as designated by the Committee, or the ~~Chair~~ Chair, between meetings of the Committee.

~~Section~~ 7.4 **Duties of the Committee Secretary**

~~Shall~~ The committee secretary shall regularly inform all members of all Committee meetings and shall keep a record of all business transacted at each Committee meeting.

~~Section~~ 7.5 **Committee Recommendation on Legislation**

After the Committee has debated and discussed the merits of legislation, the Committee shall vote to send the legislation to the Senate.

~~Section~~ 7.6 **Service Requirement on Committees**

Each member of the Senate shall at all times serve on at least one committee, standing or special, with the exception of the Speaker of the Senate and the University Senate Representatives.

~~Section~~ 7.7 **Attendance Policy for Committees**

Each standing and special committee may adopt an attendance policy, introduced by the chair and approved by the majority of the committee.

Section- 7.8 Quorum for Committee Business

Each standing and special committee shall determine what constitutes a quorum to conduct committee business.

Article IX:8. Oath of Office

Section- 8.1. Eligibility

All duly elected and appointed members of all branches of Student Government shall be considered a member with all rights and privileges of the office in which they are about to enter upon taking the Student Government Association Oath of Office.

Section- 8.2 Administration of Oath

The Oath shall be administered by the Judicial Council Chief Justice, or by the President in his/her absence, and is as follows:

“I, state your name, do hereby affirm that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of state your position, and I also affirm to uphold and defend the Constitution and Bylaws of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University and to perform the duties of the office in which I am about to enter to the best of my ability.”

9. Scholarships and Grants

9.1 Eligibility of SGA Members

No member of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University shall be eligible for any SGA-sponsored scholarships or grants, including but not limited to Study Abroad/Teach Abroad Scholarships, Scholar Development Grants, etc., for the duration of his/her term.

9.2 Suspension

This article cannot be suspended.

*The highlighted amendment was rejected by the Student Senate. All other amendments were passed unanimously.

9. Student Government Awards

Each year the Student Government Association shall bestow the following awards:

Dero Downing Award The Dero Downing Award, based on outstanding contribution to the university, is open to all students. Nominations are made by the Senate and voting is limited to Senators only.

Outstanding Senator This award is available only to Senators and is based on outstanding contribution to the organization. Nominations are made by fellow Senators and voting is restricted to Senators only.

Outstanding Committee Member This award is available only to committee members of Senate Committees and is based on outstanding contribution through work in a committee. Nominations are made by Senators and voting is restricted to Senators only.

Charles A. Keown Award This award was established in 1985 in honor of Dean of Student Affairs, Charles A. Keown, leader of the movement to establish student government at Western Kentucky University. This award is intended to be the greatest honor given by student government to the member of the Senate, Executive Cabinet or Judicial Council who has devoted the highest level of dedication to the organization. Candidates for this award are nominated and voted on by Senators only.

Kerrie Faye Stewart Memorial Award This award was established in 1984 in memory of Kerrie Faye Stewart, who served as Public Relations Vice-President. This award is based on campus involvement, academic achievement, enthusiasm, and dedication. The characteristics describing the person for whom the award is named. Nominations of freshman and sophomores are made by Senators. The recipient is chosen by a selection committee made up of one administrator, one faculty member, and one Executive Cabinet member appointed by the Student Affairs Committee.

Mary Angela Norcia Award This award was established in 1988 in memory of Mary Angela Norcia, who served in various capacities on campus involvement. Similar to her characteristics this award is based on campus leadership, academics, charismatic personality, and having the "spirit that makes the master." Nominations of junior and senior Senators, Executive Cabinet members and Judicial Council members are made by the Senate. The recipient is chosen by a selection committee made up of one administrator, one faculty member, and one Executive Cabinet member appointed by the Student Affairs Committee.

The Citizens Award The Citizens Award is for a person within the community that has displayed leadership and has been a big supporter of Western Kentucky University. Nominations will be made by Senators. A Student Government Association selection committee will choose the recipient.

Article XI: Ratification

Section 1 — Ratification

Upon approval by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Legislative Branch, these Bylaws shall be implemented for the Fall 2005.

