First Reading: October 14, 2014

Second Reading: October 21, 2014

Pass:

Fail:

Other:

Bill 10-14-F Funding for the Emergency Food Pilot Program

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate $500.00 of the total $3,600.00 to the Emergency Food Pilot Program in an effort to promote retention and health.

WHEREAS: The money will come from Legislative Discretionary Funds, other cosponsors such as the Enrollment Management Office, and fundraising to award a total of five hundred (500) Fresh Food Company Waivers at a discounted rate of $7.20 per waiver in order to provide 10 free meals per student for the first fifty (50) students who experience need, and

WHEREAS: Last semester the current billing policy prevented approximately fifty (50) students from receiving needed food and practicing healthy eating habits, and

WHEREAS: According to USA Today, 39% of students nationally have either gone hungry for lack of money, skipped meals, or been unable to afford balanced meals this school year, which causes an increase in stress levels, illness and a decline in academic performance, and

WHEREAS: Approximately 50% of students who completed the Map-Works survey indicated that on a scale of 1-10, their comfortability with being able to afford living expenses, such as food, was between 0-5, and

WHEREAS: Students must bring proof that their account is locked before receiving funds.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate $500.00 from Legislative Discretionary Funds to the Emergency Food Pilot Program in an effort to promote retention and health.

AUTHORS: J. William Berry

SPONSOR: Campus Improvements

CONTACTS: Nicki Taylor

Dr. Joelle Carter

Steve Hoyng

Belinda Higginbotham