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Bill 8-15-S Funding for the WKU African Student Union (ASU)

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association (SGA) of Western Kentucky University to allocate $500.00 to the African Student Union.

WHEREAS: The money will come from the legislative discretionary budget to cover room and board of the event discussed in the fourth whereas clause and to cover the cost of new name tags for ASU’s upcoming newly elected officials, and

WHEREAS: The WKU Student Government Association has constantly made it a priority to empower all student organizations to succeed in their endeavors at Western Kentucky University. The Student Government Association has taken a particular interest in empowering International students to have a successful academic and social experience while attending this university. The African Student Union is a premier example of international students organizing themselves to become an organization that empowers other African international students to succeed at WKU as well as bring a valuable contribution to Western Kentucky University’s campus, and

WHEREAS: For this to come to fruition the ASU needs the help of SGA to help cover current expenses. Unfortunately the timing of ASU’s restructuring to become an effective and efficient organization has led to missing the cut off date for organizational aid funding. ASU finds funding crucial to reaching their goals for the end of this semester, and

WHEREAS: ASU was invited by the African Student Union of the University of Kentucky to attend their annual “Taste of Africa” event which took place on April the 18th. The group attended and paid out of pocket cost as well as exhausted what money they had raised for ASU. This bill proposes refunding ASU up to the full extent that could have been received via Organizational Aid of $500.00. This is not an uncommon occurrence for the Organizational Aid or Senate discretionary funding to come in the form of a refund to an organization due to it taking over a month for the funds to process and transfer to the organization, and

WHEREAS: Attendance of this event was vital for ASU in their attempts to build a strong network of support amongst African International Students. This event helped provide guidance to the newly formed WKU African Student Union in how to proceed in building a healthy organization and setting strategic vision goals.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate $500.00 dollars to the Western Kentucky University African Student Union.

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