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Resolution 7-14-F Resolution to Support a Student Fee to fund Western Kentucky University Student Legal Services

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support the implementation of a student fee to financially support Western Kentucky University Student Legal Services

WHEREAS: The Western Kentucky University Student Legal Services is currently offering legal counsel and services to students with a temporary grant, and

WHEREAS: In order for Student Legal Services to continue to offer these services to students, they must obtain a permanent source of income, and

WHEREAS: A student fee of $2.00 (two) dollars per student, per semester for a total of $4.00 (four) dollars per student, per year would allow Student Legal services to hire an attorney to represent students and a paralegal to assist with filing and initial consultations, and

WHEREAS: Student Legal Services currently offers a variety of legal services at a greatly reduced cost to students; for example, where a regular lawyer would cost up to $250 per hour, a Western Kentucky Legal Services lawyer costs up to $50 per hour, and

WHEREAS: There will be internship positions for paralegal students at Western Kentucky University within the clinic to assist with filing and consultations, and

WHEREAS: The interns, the clinic paralegal, and/or paralegal faculty will put on various seminars educating students on specific legal issues, such as an introduction to the American legal system for international students, tenant/landlord laws, estate planning, credit and bankruptcy, etc., and

WHEREAS: Similar legal clinics are currently in place at Indiana University, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, the Ohio State University, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, University of Tennessee, University of Memphis, and Florida International University.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University support the implementation of a student fee to financially support Western Kentucky University Student Legal Services.

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