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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Margaret Crowder, Chair, University Senate

FROM: Gary A. Ransdell 

SUBJECT: Senate Resolution 8-15-S

Thank you for your request regarding the suggested changes to the campus prayer policy. Upon receiving the resolution from Student Government, the Administrative Council took action to accommodate the essence of their request. I believe the action taken also meets the spirit of the Senate Resolution as well. Thank you.

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Enclosure



POLICY & PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

NUMBER: 0.2071
DIVISION: General University
TITLE: Public Prayer Policy
DATE: May 11, 2015
REVISED:
AUTHORIZED:

I. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of the policy is to align practices at Western Kentucky University with the best practices for public universities regarding public prayer at University-sponsored events.

II. Policy

Western Kentucky University is a multicultural community. Students, faculty, staff, and alumni are of many different religious persuasions. If expressions of faith or thanksgiving are deemed necessary or appropriate, then a "moment of silence" is the preferred form of religious expression at official campus events. Any prayers that may be given at University-sponsored public events should be nonsectarian.

III. Procedure

IV. Related Policies

0.2040 Discrimination and Harassment Policy
4.8000 Standards of Conduct
1.3001 Equal Treatment of Students

V. Reason for Revision

Added "moment of silence" language as requested by Student Government Association and University Senate.