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Bill 5-18-F. A Bill to Amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of

Western Kentucky University.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to ensure the Speaker of the Senate serves as an unbiased moderator of Senate proceedings.

WHEREAS: Section 3.2.4. under section 3.2 titled “Qualifications.” currently states, “The Speaker of the Senate shall be elected from the Senate during the Spring Semester for the next academic year.”, and

WHEREAS: The Constitution does not specify that even though the Speaker of the Senate is a duly elected member, they do not have a vote in Senate proceedings, and

WHEREAS: The common law belief has been that Speaker has no voting powers, except in the instance of a tie-breaker vote, and

WHEREAS: Section 3.3.1.1 under Section 3.3 titled “Duties of the Speaker of the Senate.” shall be added to state that “The Speaker has no voting powers, except in the instance of a tie-breaker. In such an instance, the Speaker may cast a vote only to break the tie.”,

THEREFORE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to ensure the Speaker of the Senate serves as an unbiased moderator of Senate proceedings.

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