First Reading: September 18th

Second Reading:

Pass: YES

Fail:

Other:

Resolution 4-18-F. Resolution to encourage sustainability initiatives by charging a $1.00 sustainability fee to students.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support an initiative that would fund sustainability projects by charging students a $1.00 sustainability fee per semester.

WHEREAS: Many schools have a “green fee” to fund sustainability projects. UK has a $5 charge each semester that goes into their sustainability fund, University of Memphis charges $10 a semester to fund sustainability projects, and Bemidji State has a $7.50 sustainability fee, and

WHEREAS: Many schools implemented sustainability fees in the mid 2000’s, and

WHEREAS: WKU has inadequate funding to support our sustainability programs - this has caused our progress to level out over the years without funding to pursue new goals, and

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WHEREAS: Climate change is affecting Kentucky and the world. This is one way that WKU can demonstrate to state leaders that our earth is worth the investment and attention.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University support the sustainable initiative of adding a $1.00 charge to the student bill each semester in order to reach the Clean Power Plan goal to reduce carbon emissions by 32 percent from 2005 levels by 2030.

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