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Resolution X-20-F. Resolution to Support Increased Accessibility on Campus

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to

support further development of physical accessibility on campus for people with disabilities through conducting a transparent, collaborative, public evaluation of existing disability practices.

WHEREAS: Students with disabilities are twice as likely to encounter exclusionary or hostile experiences on university campuses, and

WHEREAS: Columbia University, Stanford University, Vanderbilt University, Portland Community College, and McGill University have all instituted public comprehensive reviews and assessments of disability practices to go above and beyond ADA compliance, and

WHEREAS: There have only been three audits of ADA compliance of physical infrastructure in the last two decades, and none were all encompassing. ADA compliance is the bare legal minimum and not indicative of SGA’s obligation to express and encourage diversity and tolerance of all groups and individuals, including people with disabilities

WHEREAS: The ADA Advisory Committee typically deals with accessibility issues in future projects or remediation of existing structures as they are identified and brought up by others, typically students. Relying on student input to identify improvements to accessibility places the burden on students to experience or notice inaccessibility and exclusion which directly impacts campus climate and tolerance, and

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky

University supports further attention and development of physical accessibility on campus for people with disabilities with a transparent, collaborative, public evaluation of existing disability practices.

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