First Reading: April 7, 2015

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Pass: YES

Fail:

Other:

Bill 7-15-S Funding from Organizational Aid Appropriations for Fixed on Christ Unified for Service, WKU Agriculture Business Club, American Institute of Architecture Students, Pakistani Student Association, Mastering Accessible Possibilities for Students, Pre-Veterinarian Club, and Sigma Tau Delta-International English Honor Society.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate $3,000.00 from Organizational Aid Appropriations for Fixed on Christ Unified for Service, WKU Agriculture Business Club, American Institute of Architecture Students, Pakistani Student Association, Mastering Accessible Possibilities for Students, Pre-Veterinarian Club, and Sigma Tau Delta-International English Honor Society.

WHEREAS: Fixed on Christ Unified for Service will be allocated $500.00 to help pay for the Racial Reconciliation event that they are co-sponsoring with Baptist Campus Ministry, and

WHEREAS: WKU Agriculture Business Club will be allocated $500.00 to help fund the registration fees for a Quiz Bowl competition in San Antonio and team uniforms to wear at future competitions, and

WHEREAS: American Institute of Architecture Students will be allocated $500.00 to help reimburse them for their hotel rooms for a conference they will be attending next week, and

WHEREAS: Pakistani Student Association will be allocated $420.00 to help them pay for their Pakistan Day Event, which included decorations, paper products, lucky draw prizes and the event location, and

WHEREAS: Mastering Accessible Possibilities will be allocated $500.00 to help pay for Polo shirts to wear during events and recruitment materials to help get their name out there, and

WHEREAS: Pre-Veterinarian Club will be allocated $500.00 to help pay for future tours of Veterinary schools and any fundraising events that they may have, and

WHEREAS: Sigma Tau Delta-International English Honor Society will be allocated $80.00 in reimbursement funds to help pay for their travel to the English Honors Convention.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate $3,000.00 from Organizational Aid Appropriations for Fixed on Christ Unified for Service, WKU Agriculture Business Club, American Institute of Architecture Students, Pakistani Student Association, Mastering Accessible Possibilities for Students, Pre-Veterinarian Club, and Sigma Tau Delta-International English Honor Society.

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Other:

Bill 9-15-S Summer Term Scholarship Award Allocations

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate $13,570.00 from the Student Affairs scholarship budget to financially assist students who are participating in Summer Term courses.

WHEREAS: The Student Affairs Committee awards thirty five (35) scholarships to qualifying students enrolled in at least one (1) Summer Term course, and

WHEREAS: Each scholarship will cover the expense of one (1) credit hour of courses at the undergraduate level, equivalent to $381.00, and

WHEREAS: Each student has demonstrated his or her need as well as a dedication to both the campus and community, and

WHEREAS: Each student has provided evidence that the scholarship will be beneficial in furthering his or her education at Western Kentucky University.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University allocate the awarded funds of  
$13,570.00 from the Student Affairs scholarship budget to financially assist these qualified Western Kentucky University students.

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Pass: Yes

Other:

Bill 11-15-S Funding to the WKU Dance Department

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate $900.00 from discretionary legislative funding for the purchase of new sound equipment for the WKU Dance Department.

WHEREAS: The dance department's current speaker system has been so problematic that it causes class to be cancelled and interferes with rehearsals and guest artist visits with the most recent occurrence was on April 6, 2015 when the Jazz III class was unexpectedly cancelled due to the system not working at all, and

WHEREAS: The unreliable and outdated stereo equipment, which dates from 1985 by Bose, has become an inconvenience and interruption to learning, and

WHEREAS: The dance building at Gordon Wilson Hall is in need of repair, with the ceilings eroding and the Marlee dance floors very worn due to lack of funding, and

WHEREAS: The dance department could use this money for stereo equipment so that we can carry on making progress in improving the dance major and its facilities. New stereo equipment is vital and would be incredibly helpful. It is hard to dance and hear the music in the studio because of the poor quality of our equipment, and

WHEREAS: Although the renovation of Gordon Wilson Hall is included in the 5-year plan, the problems with the speaker equipment is something that could endanger the future and quality of university experience for the 45 dance majors and 3 dual credit students currently enrolled in the program, and

WHEREAS: Both the teachers and students have addressed the dean, the department head of theatre and dance both, and reached out as much as possible through student thesis and grant applications.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University support the allocation of $900.00 from Legislative Discretionary Funding to the WKU Dance Department for $400.00 for the stereo speakers and $500.00 for a new sound board.

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Pass: Yes

Other: 15-10

Resolution 7-15-S Resolution to Oppose Increasing the Student Athletics Fee

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to oppose the increase to the Student Athletics Fee currently pending before the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University.

WHEREAS: On April 23, 2013, the Student Senate passed a resolution asking that the Student Athletics Fee be removed from the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) increase every year once WKU joined Conference USA (C-USA), and

WHEREAS: Increasing the Student Athletics Fee for next year will be as if the fee was still on the HEPI, and

WHEREAS: President Ransdell promised two years ago that the Student Athletics Fee would be frozen, and

WHEREAS: The student athletics fee has increased from $200 in 2010 to $212 in 2013, representing a 6% increase, and

WHEREAS: 48.8% of the University budget comes from tuition and fees assessed to the students[[1]](#footnote-2), and

WHEREAS: Next year, tuition is increasing 3.1%. Including the fees, the increase will be 3.8%, and

WHEREAS: WKU subsidizes 59.46% of Athletics funding through student fees, institutional support, and state funding[[2]](#footnote-3), and

WHEREAS: WKU cannot adequately fund essential operations, like student health, leading to privatizations of important services, and

WHEREAS: Athletics, unlike other campus activities, has a revenue-generating capability, and

WHEREAS: WKU only brought in $40,000 in revenue sharing under the Sunbelt Conference, but revenue sharing in C-USA is $1,170,000[[3]](#footnote-4), and

WHEREAS: WKU faces persistent budgetary issues resulting in cuts to program funding and employee salaries, and

WHEREAS: The primary mission of a University is education, rather than athletics.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University opposes the increase to the Student Athletics Fee currently pending before the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University.

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1. <http://www.wku.edu/finadmin/budget/2014_2015docs/1415_budget_presentation.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
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3. <http://www.bgdailynews.com/news/wku-moving-to-conference-usa/article_18917408-46ae-5300-8348-fefc03137de1.html> [↑](#footnote-ref-4)