First Reading: November 13th

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Pass: YES

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Bill 22-18-F. A Bill To Amend the Constitution the Student Government Association of

Western Kentucky University.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to Amend the Constitution to protect against discrimination or harassment on the basis of Gender Identity.

WHEREAS: Section 1.5.1. states: “Each student has the right to a campus environment free of discrimination and/or harassment. Federal guidelines protect students against these practices and are covered by Title IX, Title VI, and Section 504. Any student who feels he/she is being discriminated against and/or harassed on the basis of race, sex, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, or a disability should report the incident in accordance with the Student Grievance Procedure outlined in this Handbook. Assistance in filing a report of harassment may be obtained from the Office of Student Life, located in Room 442, Potter Hall, or the Office of Equal Opportunity/504/ ADA Compliance, located in Room 13, Wetherby Administration Building”.

WHEREAS: It Should be replaced by “Each student has the right to a campus environment free of discrimination and/or harassment. Federal guidelines protect students against these practices and are covered by Title IX, Title VI, and Section 504. Any student who feels he/she is being discriminated against and/or harassed on the basis of race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, national origin, or a disability should report the incident in accordance with the Student Grievance Procedure outlined in this Handbook. Assistance in filing a report of harassment may be obtained from the Office of Student Life, located in Room 442, Potter Hall, or the Office of Equal Opportunity/504/ ADA Compliance, located in Room 13, Wetherby Administration Building”.

WHEREAS: SGA is meant to be an inclusive environment this is accepting of all students. As it stands now, the constitution does not protect students based on their gender identity.

WHEREAS: It is important to protect students of all backgrounds from discrimination and harassment, and this is one step we can take to ensure that will happen.

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

University will Amend the Constitution to protect against discrimination or harassment on the basis of Gender Identity.

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