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Res. 3-14-F Resolution to Support Amending University Billing Policies

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support the amending of University Billing policies to promote academic retention.

WHEREAS: Western Kentucky University currently assesses a fee of 20% of the tuition cost per online class for which students register regardless of the availability of on campus traditional classes, and

WHEREAS: Currently this fee is not refunded even when a online class is dropped before the tuition reimbursement deadline, and

WHEREAS: At similar Kentucky universities, funding for distance learning is established by having a separate tuition rate for online classes, usually between $10-$50 extra per credit hour, rather than assessing a non-refundable fee of up to $185 per credit hour.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University support the amending of University Billing policies regarding reapportioning the distance learning fee with an online tuition rate so that students who drop or withdraw from an online class shall be subject to a refund within the specified timeline for tuition reimbursement, and

THEREFORE: Be it further resolved that under the supported policy, students who are enrolled in traditional programs but are not offered the opportunity to register for traditional classes will receive a waiver to reduce the online tuition rate to match traditional tuition rates for those classes, and

THEREFORE: Be it further resolved that under the supported policy, students who enroll in at least 3 hours of online classes per semester shall receive a waiver to reduce additional credit hours of online classes to the traditional tuition rates in order to promote academic retention.

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