**WKU JUDICIAL COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Written by Associate Chief Isaac King**

**Call to Order**

*5:00 PM*

**Attendance**

* Chief Justice Goins
* Associate Chief Justice King
* Justices Baum and Ping
* Absent: Justices Huff, Glaser, and Soares

**Approval of Minutes**

*Unanimous vote in favor of approval.*

**Guest and Student Speakers**

*No guest or student speakers*

**Chief Justice Report**

*No report.*

**Committee Report**

*No committee reports.*

**Special Orders**

***Ruling on late election expenditure sheets: Justices granted amnesty.***

***Secretary of the Senate Ethan Huffaker***

1. If the President were to veto a constitutional amendment, is the senate still allowed to override that veto with only a 2/3 vote?  
   *Per section 3.1.9 of the Constitution, the Senate can override a veto by a 2/3rds majority vote.*
2. Does the veto power extend to bylaws amendments?  
   *Yes, section 2.10.1.4 gives the President, EVP, and AVP the ability to veto any and ALL legislation passed by the Senate. Also, 2.3.5 speaks on this issue.*
3. Does the Constitution allow newly elected members of the Senate after the Spring elections to be sworn in in the Spring?  
   *see 9.2 and 9.3. Senators that are elected in the Spring assume office in the Fall and Senators elected in the Fall assume their positions at least two weeks into the Fall.*
4. Does the Constitution allow newly elected members of the Senate after the Spring elections to conduct business (vote on bills, make motions to cancel meetings, etc.) in the Spring?  
   *see Question 3*
5. If there is a procedural issue with legislation (especially a constitutional or bylaws amendment), when will a claim trying to strike down that legislation be justiciable? Are there standards for mootness, standing, etc. in this judicial body?

If it gets through the Senate and is passed then it is final and it is up to Senate to catch these errors.

1. Does the Constitution or the Budget passed in the fall prevent the Senate from pulling from areas not under legislative discretionary for bills? Is there a heightened standard for approval?  
   *Nothing in any governing document speaks on this. As such, there is nothing preventing Senate from pulling from areas outside legislative discretionary.*

**Absences and Office Hour Excuse Rulings**

*April 11*

*Adan Canizalez: Excused*

*Sarah Vincent: Excused*

*Tramaine Hawkins: Excused*

*Jakob Briggs: Excused*

*April 18*

*Matt Gadd: Excused*

**Announcements**

*No Announcements*

**Adjournment**

*5:23 PM*