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Bill X-24-S. A Bill to Amend the Student Government Association Constitution

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to amend the name and format of The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (DEI)

WHEREAS: The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee will be renamed to “The Action and Opportunity Committee (A&O)”, and

WHEREAS: Western Kentucky University’s Faculty DEI Workgroup Committee changed its name to the Action & Opportunity Workgroup, and

WHEREAS: Section 3.8.6. of the Constitution reads:

 “The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (DEI) shall”, and

WHEREAS: Section 3.8.6 will read:

 “The Action and Opportunity Committee (A&O) shall”, and

WHEREAS: The format of the Engagement and Opportunities Committee will change, and

WHEREAS: There is no longer a Chief Diversity Officer position title at Western Kentucky University, and

WHEREAS: The members of the A&O Committee will be divided among each existing Student Government Association committee (excluding LOC), and

WHEREAS: As the Student Government Association, we should strive for inclusion and equity in everything that we do to serve the diverse student body of Western Kentucky University, and

WHEREAS: Section 3.8.6. describing the function of The Action and Opportunity Committee (previously DEI) reads:

 “3.8.6. The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (DEI) shall:

3.8.6.1. Be composed of a number of Senate members as assigned by the Speaker.

3.8.6.2. Serve the student body by addressing matters of diversity, equity, and inclusion at Western Kentucky University.

3.8.6.3. Perform duties as delegated by the Senate or the consensus of the Executive Cabinet.

3.8.6.4. Have the Committee Chair or a delegate meet with the Chief Diversity Officers at least once a month.”, and

WHEREAS: Section 3.8.6 will now read:

“3.8.6. The Action & Oppourtunity Committee (AOC) shall: 3.8.6.1. Be composed of a number of Senate members as assigned by the Speaker. 3.8.6.2. Serve the student body by focusing on making tangible, lasting improvements in students’ lives, including mental health advocacy, social matters, and academic support.. 3.8.6.3. Perform duties as delegated by the Senate or the consensus of the Executive Cabinet. 3.8.6.4. Have the Committee Chair or a delegate meet with the Chief Engagement & Oppourtunity Officers at least once a month.”

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

University will amend its Constitution.

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