**First Reading:**

**Second Reading:**

**Pass:**

**Fail:**

**Other:**

**Bill 10-21-S. Funding for the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Honors Membership Fee Program.**

**PURPOSE:** For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to

allocate $1,500 to create funding, covering the membership fees of the Mahurin Honors College, for underrepresented minority students.

**WHEREAS:** The money will come from the Western Kentucky University Student Government Association Senate discretionary 2020-2021 budget

**WHEREAS:** The Mahurin Honors College will determine how many recipients will receive funding as to benefit the maximum number of eligible students possible, and

**WHEREAS:** The funding will not reoccur each semester, and begin immediately until funding is all allocated

**WHEREAS:** The Mahurin Honors College membership fee is $160/semester for first year students, $140/semester for second year students, $120 for third year students, and $100 for fourth year students, and

**WHEREAS:** This funding is applicable to any underrepresented minority student currently, or recently accepted, in the Mahurin Honors College, and

**WHEREAS:** According to the WKU 2020 Fact Book, students enrolled in the Mahurin Honors College are 88.7% white and 99.7% traditional (*under age 25*), and

**WHEREAS:** According to the WKU 2020 Fact Book, the student body of Western Kentucky University is 76% white and 84.1% traditional (*under age 25*), and

**WHEREAS:** This scholarship seeks to create opportunities for students who have faced adversity throughout their lives while encouraging a more diverse campus and honors college.

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

University will allocate $1,500 to create the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Honors Membership Fee Program.

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