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Resolution 13-14-F Resolution to Support amending the University’s Alcohol Policy and Student Code of Conduct

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support amending the University’s Alcohol Policy and Student Code of Conduct to promote safety and retention.

WHEREAS: Currently as a “moist” campus alcohol sales and consumption is permitted to students over the legal drinking age of 21 at tailgating and athletic events, concerts, and other special events with catering services, and

WHEREAS: Students over the legal drinking age of 21 are not permitted to buy or be in possession of alcohol on campus property outside of the specified events, and

WHEREAS: According to the 2014 WKU Fact Book the current policy infringes on the rights of 14,028 or 69% of students at WKU, and

WHEREAS: By allowing students over the legal drinking age of 21 to purchase alcohol at on-campus restaurants, such as Red Zone, the university stands to gain a substantial amount in revenue from sales, and

WHEREAS: The amount of alcohol sold to a single individual during their time at the restaurants may be limited based on the discretion of the Administrative Council and Aramark, and

WHEREAS: A survey shows that currently 74% of WKU students have driven or know someone who has driven home while under the influence of alcohol, and

WHEREAS: Allowing students over the legal drinking age of 21 to be in possession of alcohol (purchased from Aramark) on campus property such as Niteclass will result in fewer Driving Under the Influence (DUI’s) and Public Intoxications (PI’s) from off-campus parties, and would promote drinking in a safer environment closer to law enforcement and emergency responders.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University support the amending the University’s Alcohol Policy and Student Code of Conduct to promote safety and retention by allowing students over the legal drinking age of 21 to purchase and possess alcohol on campus.

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