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First Reading 3-31-98
Second Reading 4-14-98
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PASSED

Resolution 98-14-S
Regent Scholarship money to accommodate tax benefits
March 30, 1998

- PURPOSE:** For the University Billings Department to change to way the Regents Scholarship money is distributed to accommodate the tax benefits as provided in the 1997 Tax Reform Act.
- WHEREAS:** Currently under the auspices of the hope Scholarship and the Lifetime Learning Credit, Western Kentucky University students and their parents would both benefit by receiving up to a \$1500 a year tax exemption, and
- WHEREAS:** The Regents Scholarship proceeds are applied directly to an account listed as "Tuition" rather than applying it to "Room, Board, and Book Expenses," which disqualifies scholarship recipients from receiving a tax exemption, and
- WHEREAS:** It is highly unfair for the Regents Scholarship recipients not to be included in the tax exemption that applies to all other college students, and
- WHEREAS:** this exemption would allow Western Kentucky University students to apply their savings to other college expenses, and
- WHEREAS:** This change would be another advantageous recruiting tool for the University.
- THEREFORE:** Be it resolved that we, the members of the Student Government Association, do hereby recommend that the University Office of Billings and Receivables reclassify the money received from a Regents Scholarship to accommodate to the tax benefits as provided in the 1997 Tax Reform Act.
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April 24, 1998

Mr. Tom Harmon
Accounts and Fiscal Services
WAB 39

Dear Mr. Harmon,

Recently the members of the Student Government Association passed several Resolutions that the students feel are important issues deserving University Attention. Resolution 98-14-S is enclosed in this letter. Please review this piece of legislation carefully and feel free to contact me with any questions you have regarding this issue.

As Student Government Secretary, it is my job to direct the resolutions to the proper administrative office. If your office is not the one to deal with the issue please advise, so that I may redirect the matter to the proper person. Provided the resolution deals with campus issues within your area, I request that you provide a response within the next two weeks to the SGA Office. If you have any questions, you may reach me at ext. 5814 or e-mail at "fitejl@wku.edu".

The members of the Student Government Association appreciate your attention to this issue concerning the students.

Sincerely,

Jamie Fite
SGA Secretary, 1997-1998

Enclosure

xc: Dr. Jerry Wilder
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