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- PURPOSE:** To amend the constitution of the Associated Student Government, thereby increasing congressional effectiveness.
- WHEREAS:** The constitution outlines the structure and rules of procedure for the entire student government;
- WHEREAS:** Some sections of the existing constitution are impractical and ineffective as they now read;
- WHEREAS:** Many of these policies are already being implemented, but are not encompassed within the framework of the constitution; and
- WHEREAS:** By adopting the proposed amendments, the constitution will provide a more clearly defined foundation for legislative operations;
- THEREFORE:** We, the members of the Associated Student Government, do hereby adopt the attached constitutional amendments, to be submitted to the student body for ratification on April 14, 1992.

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**AMENDMENT 1: ARTICLE II, SECTION 3, LETTER C, NO. 3**

WHEREAS: The Public Relations Committee, as all other committees, should be chaired by a voting member of Congress; and

WHEREAS: The Public Relations Vice President should still have input in an advisory capacity;

THEREFORE: Article II, Section 3, Letter C, No. 3 should read:

3. Shall be advisor of the Public Relations Committee.

**AMENDMENT 2: ARTICLE II, SECTION 4, LETTER A, NO. 5**

WHEREAS: This section is unclear and difficult to interpret;

WHEREAS: Requiring each executive officer to sign every piece of legislation passed by Congress is redundant and unnecessary; and

WHEREAS: This section, as currently written, refers to bills only and should pertain to resolutions as well.

THEREFORE: Article II, Section 4, Letter A, No. 5 should be amended to read:

5. Shall have veto power over all legislation passed by Congress, with each executive officer having one vote. A successful veto requires a majority vote of the executive council. If the legislation is not vetoed, then the Associated Student Government Secretary will stamp it approved.

**AMENDMENT 3: ARTICLE III, SECTION 4, LETTER F**

WHEREAS: The Organizational President's Round Table (OPRT) was comprised of a select group of organizations;

WHEREAS: OPRT is no longer active; therefore, no new organizations may gain a seat in Congress by virtue of being on OPRT; and



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WHEREAS: ASG should provide an equal opportunity for all campus organizations to have a vote on Congress.

THEREFORE: Article III, Section 4, Letter F should be amended to read:

F. Ten (10) Organizational Council Representatives.

**AMENDMENT 4: ARTICLE III, SECTION 5, LETTER H**

WHEREAS: Qualifications need to be established for the election of the Organizational Council Representatives;

WHEREAS: ASG functions under university auspices; therefore, so should any organizations represented on Congress;

WHEREAS: Any organization in existence for at least one academic year can be considered to be duly established and therefore warrants an opportunity for representation; and

WHEREAS: In order to ensure diversified representation across the organizational spectrum, existing organizational governing bodies may seek election, but the organizations they represent cannot (e.g. RHA, Panhellenic, and IFC may apply for an Organizational Council Representative position, but not Barnes-Campbell, KDs, or Sigma Nus).

THEREFORE: Article III, Section 5, Letter H should be added to read:

H. Organizations represented must meet the following criteria:

1. The organization must have been registered and in good standing with the university for the academic year immediately preceding the term of office, and remain so for the entire term.
2. Governing bodies of other campus organizations are eligible for an organizational representative position; however, the organizations which fall under their auspices are not.

3. The organization will be responsible for choosing their own delegate, contingent to the delegate meeting legislative branch qualifications.

**AMENDMENT 5: ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2, LETTER A, NOS. 10 AND 11**

WHEREAS: Judicial Council members are not required to attend Congress meetings; therefore, they are not immediately aware of crucial legislation; and

WHEREAS: In order to make lobbying and implementation of legislation more effective, these efforts should be coordinated by the legislative branch of student government rather than the judicial.

THEREFORE: In Article IV, Section 2, Letter A, numbers 10 and 11 should be deleted.

**AMENDMENT 6: ARTICLE V, SECTION 1, LETTER A**

WHEREAS: Lobbying efforts will be more effective if handled by the legislative branch;

WHEREAS: Class president's duties need to be differentiated and specified within the constitution; and

WHEREAS: Congress needs to be aware of the progress of legislation.

THEREFORE: Article V, Section I, Letter A, add numbers 8 and 9 to read:

8. Initiate all lobbying efforts, which shall be delegated to class presidents.
9. Make progress reports to Congress concerning lobbying efforts and current status of ASG legislation.

**AMENDMENT 7: ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 1,2,3,4, AND 5, LETTER C**

WHEREAS: There is no need for vice-chairs on standing committees; and



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WHEREAS: Currently, there are no vice-chairs on standing committees;

THEREFORE: Letter C should be deleted from Article V, Sections 1,2,3,4, and 5.

**AMENDMENT 8: ARTICLE V, SECTION 2, LETTER A, NO. 3 AND 4**

WHEREAS: The function of the Student Affairs Committee is currently undefined; and

WHEREAS: The Book Exchanger and Student Discount Card are defunct programs;

THEREFORE: Article V, Section 2, Letter A, No. 4 should be deleted, and No. 3 should read:

3. Investigate problems associated with and pertaining to individual student's needs.

**AMENDMENT 9: ARTICLE V, SECTION 3, LETTER A**

WHEREAS: The function of Academic Affairs as outlined in the constitution is too vague; and

WHEREAS: Adopting the proposed amendments will make the constitution more consistent and concise.

THEREFORE: Article V, Section 3, Letter A, Nos. 2,3, and 4 should read:

2. Perform duties as indicated by Congress.
3. Investigate problems associated with and write legislation pertaining to academic needs of students.
4. Forward appropriate legislation to Academic Council.

**AMENDMENT 10: ARTICLE V, SECTION 4, LETTER B**

WHEREAS: For the reasons outlined in Amendment 1.

THEREFORE: Article V, Section 4, Letters B should read:

- B. There shall be a chairman appointed by the Executive Council and approved by a majority vote of Congress, with the Public Relations Vice President serving as advisor to the committee.

**AMENDMENT 11: ARTICLE V, SECTION 5**

- WHEREAS: The Campus Development Committee is currently serving under the name Campus Improvements; and
- WHEREAS: The name Campus Improvements is more indicative of the actual function of the committee.
- THEREFORE: Any place the phrase Campus Development is used in Article V, Section 5, it should be replaced with the phrase Campus Improvements.

**AMENDMENT 12: ARTICLE V, SECTION 6**

- WHEREAS: All elected representatives are required to serve on committees;
- WHEREAS: Organizations have unique interests and needs that are not addressed by any other committee on Congress; and
- WHEREAS: A council composed of the ten Organizational Representatives would initiate legislation addressing organizational concerns;
- THEREFORE: Article V, Section 6 should be added to read:
- Section 6: Organizational Representatives Council
- There shall be an Organizational Representatives Council
- A. The Organizational Representative Council shall:
1. Be composed of the ten (10) Organizational Representatives and any non-congress members wishing to serve.
  2. Perform duties as may be indicated by the Congress or President.

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3. Author legislations involving the concerns and needs of Western Kentucky University's organizations.
- B. There shall be a chairman appointed by the Executive Council and approved by a majority vote of Congress.