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New Constitution and Bylaws

November 10, 2003

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University

to institute and establish the attached constitution and bylaws, beginning

in the fall of 2004.

WHEREAS: The current constitution and bylaws are full of fallacies and unrealistic

expectations of the students and SGA itself, and

WHEREAS: The current constitution presents problems of legislative legitimacy, and

WHEREAS: The current legislative branch is far too large and unwieldy to be an

effective body, and

WHEREAS: The policy of an "open" congress makes it possible for the Congress to be

taken over by a special interest group in the face of the greater student

interest, and

WHEREAS: The executive branch of the current constitution is plagued by

inadequacies and ideological differences, and

WHEREAS: The current structure of the SGA causes confusion as to the specific role

of various offices, as well as confusion as to the actual intended function

of various branches of the SGA, and

WHEREAS: The proposed constitution is intended to better clarify and define the roles

of all offices and branches of SGA, and

WHEREAS: The current constitution is not malleable enough to adapt to the ever

changing needs of the student body to just have amendments introduced,

and

WHEREAS: It is hoped that this constitution will be malleable enough to deal with the

ever changing needs of the student body, and will be adequately

amendable to future SGAs, and

WHEREAS: There will need to be a new set of bylaws to accompany a new

constitution.

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

Kentucky University do hereby institute and establish this new constitution and these new bylaws beginning in the fall of 2004.

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ATTACHED: Constitution of the Student Government Association - Proposed Fall 2003

Bylaws of the Student Government Association - Proposed Fall 2003