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Code of Ethics

February 14, 2002

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to amend the Constitution to allow for the establishment of a code of ethics.

WHEREAS: Officeholders within the Student Government Association chose to become representatives of the student body and should hold themselves and their colleagues to a higher ethical standard due to their responsibility to represent the interests of the students, and

WHEREAS: Officeholders within the Student Government Association often serve on university committees and as delegates of the student body to various groups, organizations, and governmental bodies, and

WHEREAS: Unethical behavior on the part of the officeholders would greatly reduce the credibility of the Student Government Association and would undermine the student representation to all groups the Student Government Association encounters, and

WHEREAS: Officeholders within the Student Government Association are student leaders and as such should set a positive example to the rest of the student body, and

WHEREAS: A committee representing the three branches of the Student Government Association would be able to draft an appropriate code of ethics for all of the Student Government Association that would aid in our mission to effectively represent the student body.

THEREFORE: Be it affirmed that we the members of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University, do hereby amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association to allow for the establishment of a code of ethics.

The amendment shall read:

3.5.9 Congress shall have the authority to establish and provide for the enforcement of a code of ethics.

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