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Dear Executive Council,

I have been involved with the Student Government Association for several semesters now, and have found that this semester has been the least enjoyable. This is not because of Executive Council, I have discovered this group of leaders to be one of the most hard working and diligent laborers Student Government has had in years. What I do find to be disturbing is that I dread Tuesday nights. I find myself thinking of excuses so that I won’t have to come to congressional Chambers. People in congress are getting too uptight about issues that are brought to the floor. For example, it is unnecessary to debate for fifteen minutes about certain legislation such as Student Surveys and posting Professors’ office hours. These items are for the good of the student body, and the main purpose of Western Kentucky University’s Student Government Association. I may be totally wrong, but some individuals seem to be debating about issues just for the sake of debate, or perhaps they just enjoy the sound of their own voice.

My wish is for SGA to be an effective, time efficient, friendly organization, and the current behavior at SGA meetings has caused many Congress members to resign. How can we be an effective Government when no one wants to come to the meetings or committee meetings due to the constant debate about issues that should be passed with little or no discussion. I understand that we want our organization to uphold certain standards, but is it really necessary to continuously question parliamentary procedure? That is the purpose of the Parliamentarian, and if she sees it necessary she will call it to the attention of the Vice-President.

I used to enjoy Tuesday nights because I considered congress members to be some of my closest friends, and now I can’t wait until adjournment.

A Sincerely Concerned Congress Member