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DEVELOPMENT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR STUDENT REGENT
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PURPOSE: To develop an Advisory Committee to inform the student regent on how WKU students feel regarding issues, both public and private, that pertain to the dealings of the Board of Regents

WHEREAS: The student regent position is held by the same person who holds the office of Associated Student Government President;

WHEREAS: This person is elected to represent the students and their opinions;

WHEREAS: The student regent is one of two positions that is chosen to represent a Western body;

WHEREAS: In order to represent the student body effectively, the student regent must know how the students feel about issues;

WHEREAS: The best way to represent the students is to hear their opinions;

WHEREAS: It is the student regent’s responsibility to share with students matters pertaining to WKU which are discussed, or are scheduled to be discussed, at Board of Regents meetings;

WHEREAS: The student regent, like all other regents, knows what will take place at board meetings due to laws that call for all information dealing with the meeting to be sent out prior to the meeting;
WHEREAS: Under both the Kentucky's Open Records Acts, and Kentucky's Open Meetings Act, the Student Regent has the right and responsibility to provide information regarding regent matters, both public and private;

WHEREAS: This body can see where some issues should not be made available to the general public due to some circumstances;

WHEREAS: This information could be limited to a certain representative group of individuals that represent the student body;

WHEREAS: This group should be made up of the class presidents and a representative from each college with the executive council serving as ex-officio members;

WHEREAS: Upon first notice of the agenda for the Board of Regents meeting, the Student Regent will brief the Advisory Committee of upcoming topics, at which point the Advisory Committee will then canvas student opinion;

WHEREAS: One week before the Board of Regents meeting, the Student Regent will meet with an assemblage of the Student Advisory Committee to review and discuss the findings of the following week with the purpose of raising the awareness of the Student Regent to student body opinion;

WHEREAS: The aforementioned meeting would not convene without a quorum present;

WHEREAS: In cases of special meetings by the Board of Regents, the best effort will be exercised by the Student Regent to call a quorum of the Advisory Committee to discuss the aforementioned meeting; and

WHEREAS: As to inform Western’s student body the Advisory Committee will submit a timely report regarding the proceeding of the aforementioned meetings.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that we, the members of the Associated Student Government, do hereby create an Advisory Committee.
FURTHERMORE: Mandatory compliance with this meeting procedure is required. The student regent should take the recommendations of this group into serious accord when voting on all issues as the Student Regent.

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