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Resolution 89-07-F
Establish Kentucky Public Interest Research Group

PURPOSE: For WKU to establish the first ever Kentucky Public Interest Research Group (KYPIRG) to be operated by students and staffed with fulltime professionals who together will work on research and advocacy projects dealing with consumer and environmental issues of concern to the students, and to the citizens of Kentucky as a whole; KYPIRG would be funded by a four dollar waivable fee, which would be collected by the university during fee payment

STATUS:

WHEREAS, A KYPIRG; like the PIRGs already established in 29 other states, Canada, and Australia, could save consumers millions of dollars annually, present important new legislature, file lawsuits to protect consumers and our unique environment, and

WHEREAS, In a petition distributed in the Fall of 1989, 725 students, Dean Hellstrom and Kupchella, 21 other faculty members, 14 members of the community, and 9 local businesses signed in support of KYPIRG, and

WHEREAS, A KYPIRG would increase students' ability to voice their opinions on important issues and provide a means of becoming involved and taking action to make improvements or changes benefitting Kentucky, and

WHEREAS, Students will be able to gain valuable on-the-job experience in a variety of fields and develop excellent leadership skills, and

WHEREAS, A KYPIRG would hire a professional staff to assist students by working fulltime year-round and by offering professional expertise, and



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WHEREAS,

According to opinion of the Attorney General 73-417, a waivable fee system would not violate any sections of our Kentucky Revised Statutes, and

THEREFORE:

We, the members of the Associated Student Government, ask that a four dollar waivable negative check-off fee be collected each semester during fee payment by the University to fund a KYPIRG operation and full time staff so that Western Kentucky University and Kentucky can benefit in the above stated ways.

FURTHERMORE:

Along with this resolution, we have attached a brief outline of the structure of this organization.

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