

Senate Bill 09-10.001 - Suspension of "The West Georgian"

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Government Association of The University of West Georgia is a governing body over students and their respective Student Organizations and is responsible for relaying ideas to the administration for the appeasement of students thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as per Article II of the SGA's constitution which enlists the basic objectives and duties of the organization, SGA is "1. To provide an official voice through which student opinion may be expressed. 2. To enact programs for the general welfare of the student body. 3. To promote unity among students, faculty, and staff" at UWG.

THEREFORE SGA is responsible to uphold and express strong student opinion, whether beneficial or adverse, as to both the allocation of funds from student activities fees and to hold accountable any student organization that desecrates the reputation of the University and its constituents while promoting division of the aforementioned individuals.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that "The West Georgian" newspaper has become synonymous with division among students, faculty, and staff at the University as well as irresponsibly publishing faulty information and assumptions in a damaging manner to the Institution.

FURTHERMORE "The West Georgian" is allotted funds from the University of West Georgia, and in recent years has used said funds collected from student activities fees to publish defamation (libel) pertaining to students, faculty, and staff.

THEREFORE the Student Government Association recommends to the University's administration on behalf of the student body temporary yet immediate freezing of funds allocated to "The West Georgian" newspaper due to overwhelming public opinion of the adverse affects of published material on the subjects of diversity, unity, and general welfare of the student body.

WHEREAS SGA further recommends that the University take further action to find a more official avenue of allocation of institutional funds to extend interesting, informative, accurate and responsible information in a manner that sheds a positive light on the University both to the general population of the State of Georgia and the University's constituents as well.