



STUDENT GOVERNMENT
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Resolution 1-24-S. Resolution to Support Lowering Parking Fees Incurred by Students

- PURPOSE:** For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support the lowering of parking fees incurred by students in order to aid students who are financially vulnerable.
- (1) **WHEREAS:** WKU Parking and Transportation Services offers students the opportunity to purchase a yearly parking pass in which they are eligible to park in designated areas on campus, and
- (2) **WHEREAS:** Parking passes can cost a student upwards of \$200 annually and any parking violation incurred ranges in cost from \$10-\$600, and
- (3) **WHEREAS:** As there is a lack in physical parking areas and parking resources, parking violations have become common among WKU students, and
- (4) **WHEREAS:** In addition to worrying about tuition, housing costs, etc., students should not have to be consistently concerned about extra fees that are not inherent to earning a degree, and
- (5) **WHEREAS:** According to National Library of Medicine, “financial stress impedes student’s ability to succeed academically... and impacts their social lives. Students experiencing financial stress find it challenging to navigate relationships with wealthier peers, often leading to feelings of isolation and embarrassment,” and
- (6) **WHEREAS:** According to WKU’s Common Data Set 2022-2023, over 62% of WKU students were determined to exhibit financial need which makes them financially and academically vulnerable, and
- (7) **WHEREAS:** WKU Parking and Transportation Services parking violations should not exceed \$50, as over half of WKU’s student population is proven to be financially vulnerable, and
- (8) **WHEREAS:** As WKU is ultimately an academic institution, academic success should be one of the many primary considerations in all business decisions, and
- THEREFORE:** Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University supports the lowering of parking violation fees incurred by students.
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