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Bill 2-24-S. Funding to Pay for Student Parking Fees

- PURPOSE:** For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate \$700 to help pay parking fees incurred by financially vulnerable students.
- (1)WHEREAS: The money will come from the legislative discretionary budget, and
- (2)WHEREAS: WKU Parking and Transportation parking fees range from \$10 to \$600, per violation, and
- (3)WHEREAS: Unresolved parking violations can hinder a student's academic career, as unpaid tickets can keep a student from receiving transcripts, their diploma, etc., and
- (4)WHEREAS: According to WKU's Common Data Set 2022-2023, over 62% of WKU students were determined to exhibit financial need, and
- (5)WHEREAS: Providing funding to students who exhibit financial need not only improves the student experience, but also sets students up for future academic success, and
- (6)WHEREAS: WKU SGA has a Parking and Transportation Appeals Committee; therefore, providing funding would aid in solving an issue that has proven to be prevalent enough for SGA to previously intervene, and
- (7)WHEREAS: As each parking violation costs \$10-\$600, the \$700 would be split between the students with the most deserving applications until the fees being paid reach \$700, and
- (8)WHEREAS: Students who received citations as a result of parking in disability parking or a fire lane are not eligible for this grant, as those zones are designated for marginalized groups and community safety, and
- (9)WHEREAS: Students would apply and be required to exhibit financial need and prove parking violation debt, with all applications being graded according to the same procedures WKU SGA scholarship grading follows.
- THEREFORE:** Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate \$700 to provide funding for paying for student parking fees.
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