First Reading: February 24, 2015

Second Reading: February 24, 2015

Pass: Yes

Other:

Resolution 4-15-S Resolution to Support the Creation of a New Parking Structure

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support the implementation of a $30.00 student fee each semester to fund the construction of a new parking structure on campus.

WHEREAS: Finding a place to park has become an increasingly difficult task for commuters and those living on campus. It causes students to be late to class, disrupts the flow of traffic, and leads to a unpleasant disruption of WKU students’ schedules and campus life, and

WHEREAS: Students are already struggling to find a place to park while on-campus, and parking in the future will become undoubtedly even more problematic. As WKU continues to pursue the goal of becoming a “Leading American University with International Reach” the number of students attending WKU is and will only continue to increase. In order to ensure the campus infrastructure will be able to accommodate this continuing influx, more parking spots must be made available on campus, and

WHEREAS: The proposed parking structure will be built on part of what is currently Creason Lot. The Student Government Association recognizes this will potentially cause a temporary unpleasant effect when parking on campus due to construction occurring on Creason Lot and the loss of those current parking spaces. Recognizing this, the Student Government Association foresees a much larger parking problem looming in the future if action is not taken now, and

WHEREAS: During the construction process, the Student Government Association will encourage students to take advantage of the parking spaces located on South Campus, and

WHEREAS: In anticipation of the demolition of Tate Page Hall, the Student Government Association encourages President Ransdell and the Administrative Council to create a temporary student gravel parking lot in its place in order to alleviate some of the parking problems stemming from construction of the proposed parking structure, and

WHEREAS: Throughout the process of planning, developing, and constructing the new parking structure, the Student Government Association encourages President Ransdell and the Administrative Council to continue to pursue alternative and additional funding options in attempt to lower the direct cost imposed on WKU. Such attempts could consist of, but not limited to, perusing state funding, allowing businesses to purchase the rights to hang advertisements in the three existing parking structures and in the new parking structure once completed, etc, and

WHEREAS: If excess revenue is generated President Ransdell and the Administrative Council is encouraged to use the excess revenue to help pay back the bond debt generated by the parking structure faster or use the revenue to buy or lease land around the Main Campus for more parking spots, and

WHEREAS: The Student Government Association has been promised upon the passage of this resolution that the new student fee will have a “Sunset Clause.” Immediately upon completion and payback of the bonds used for the construction of the parking structure, the student fee assessed for the purpose of building the parking structure will be removed.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University supports the implementation of a $30.00 student fee each semester to fund the construction of a new parking structure on campus.

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