Motion

The Faculty Senate of Western Kentucky University urges the Traffic and Parking Committee to institute a fleet decal system for faculty-staff parking, to wit: If a faculty-staff member wishes to register two vehicles for faculty-staff parking privileges, those decals should be of a color distinct from regular one-vehicle decals and would be accompanied by a single additional decal mounted on a clip attachable to the rear-view mirror. A vehicle carrying a fleet decal would be legally parked only if accompanied by the clip decal, in effect allowing only one vehicle of a fleet to be legally parked on campus at any one time. The cost for fleet decals should be the same as for two separate decals under the present system. The fee for parking a fleet vehicle without the clip decal should be the same as for parking in an improper zone. The fee for a replacement clip decal should be the same as for a new decal, and should have a number different from that of the original clip decal. If a clip decal is reported lost or stolen, and is later found on any registered vehicle, such vehicle should be impounded and a substantial fee imposed on the registered faculty-staff member.

The Faculty Senate believes that any potential difficulties relative to enforcement of such a plan are no greater than those relative to the present arrangement, and would lead to a much more equitable allocation of scarce parking resources.
The ability of a member of the faculty or staff to park a vehicle conveniently on campus is a privilege acquired by virtue of (a) job status, and (b) payment of a fee. Given more vehicles than parking spaces, not everyone eligible to park can do so; but everyone so eligible should have equal standing in the hunt.

Several faculty-staff members have children and/or spouses who are also WKU students. Of such faculty-staff members, a small number register two vehicles and then routinely allow the student-relative to utilize faculty-staff parking.

This practice is an abuse of privilege and inconsiderate of colleagues. We urge the President of the University to so remind the faculty and staff at large.