

Motion to Allow Faculty/Staff Parking Passes for JMU Graduate Students who are Instructors of Record

Whereas JMU Graduate Students who are Instructors of Record face a unique hardship in fulfilling their assigned teaching duties because student parking on campus fills quickly and remains full for much of the day;

Whereas graduate students at other institutions (e.g., UVA) who serve as instructors of record at JMU are able to secure faculty/staff parking permits, which puts our JMU Graduate Students at a disadvantage to their peer graduate student instructors from other institutions; and

Whereas current parking regulations forbid student access to faculty/staff permits regardless of context of role at the university (“Use of faculty/staff or visitor permits by students currently enrolled at James Madison University is strictly prohibited.” p. 17, parking regulations posted here: <https://www.jmu.edu/parking/files/parking-regulations.pdf>)

Whereas the faculty/staff lots rarely fill to capacity, the total number of additional potential faculty/staff passes is small relative to current capacity (estimated < 40 additional passes), and because these graduate student instructors will only need the spaces on select times and days, thus the approval of faculty/staff parking permits will not create a significant change in available faculty/staff parking spaces;

Be it therefore resolved that a subset of JMU graduate students who are the instructor of record of a course at JMU are allowed to acquire faculty/staff parking permits on a semester-by-semester basis. Program directors and/or Area Unit Heads must verify that a graduate student who wishes to obtain a faculty/staff parking pass has primary teaching responsibilities as the instructor of record for a JMU course, as they would for other adjunct instructors wishing to obtain a faculty/staff parking pass.