

RESOLUTION

Council of Graduate Students – University of Minnesota

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Topic: Parking for graduate students on nights and weekends.

Whereas graduate students play a major role in the University of Minnesota's goal to become one of the top research universities in the country;

Whereas many graduate students' work necessitates that they work nights and weekends;

Whereas more inexpensive transport/parking options would benefit current graduate students and attract new graduate students;

Whereas access to closer parking facilities on the Minneapolis and St. Paul campus would decrease the risk (assault, cold, etc.) to individuals currently parking farther away for financial reasons;

Whereas many city buses run less frequently or not at all on nights and weekends, so graduate students who normally bus must drive in to the university;

Whereas the Parking and Transportation department could generate a new revenue stream through a Graduate Student Nights and Weekends Parking Program (outlined below);

Be it resolved COGS respectfully requests that the Parking and Transportation Services department consider the following proposal for a Graduate Student Nights and Weekends Parking Program¹:

- Issue a mirror hanging/card permit that gives access to parking ramps/lots in the evenings (4:30 PM – 7:30 AM) and weekends/holidays at a low cost (~\$10 per semester).
- The cost of the window hanger/card would be covered by the fee (\$1 to \$4 respectively).
- This program would be open to both contract and non-contract holders.
- Parking Areas that would be accessed by graduate students:
 - East Bank Campus:
 - Oak St. Ramp
 - East Road Garage
 - 4th Street Ramp *
 - Washington Ave Ramp *
 - *Not available if a sporting event is happening.
 - St. Paul Campus:
 - Gortner Avenue Ramp
 - Lots:
 - East of Gortner Ave / North of Buford Ave
 - SC102, SC161, SC173, SC186
 - East of Gortner Ave / South of Buford Ave
 - SC150, SC153, SC156
 - West of Gortner Ave / North of Buford Ave
 - SC109, SC169, SC175
 - West of Gortner Ave / South of Buford Ave
 - SC151
 - State Fair Lot (SC108)
 - West Bank Campus:
 - 21st Ave Ramp

¹ This program builds upon the current 'Free Night and Sunday Parking Program.' We also recognize that some St. Paul campus lots are available in the evening for contract holders who may wish to "move up" to a closer lot.

Further, be it resolved that the Council of Graduate Students will work with the Parking and Transportation Services department to ascertain the feasibility of this program.