

FACULTY SENATE PROPOSAL

FSP 2007/2008—04R

I. PROPOSAL NAME

Faculty/Staff Parking Permit to be Valid for All Parking Lots

II. STATED PROPOSAL

The Faculty Senate proposes that, beginning in the 2008-2009 school year, Faculty/Staff parking permits shall be valid for all campus parking lots, save those designated for official UCO vehicles only and for student residences. This would cover all existing Faculty/Staff lots as well as all Student/Commuter lots.

III. JUSTIFICATION

It is standard practice at many colleges and universities that faculty and staff permits make one eligible to park in any campus parking lot. The current system of student-only parking lots means that faculty and staff can be inconvenienced by the necessity to find a spot in a faculty/staff lot only or risk a fine. From time to time, it is easier to find a parking spot in a student lot when running on a brief errand to another building, or when in a part of campus where there is insufficient faculty/staff parking. It also is sometimes more convenient to park in student lots during low-traffic periods. Faculty and staff, as long-term employees of the university, should have a greater stake in parking decisions, and greater privileges than the student population in regards to parking.

It is expected that a change in policy would not excessively impact student parking availability, as it is generally more convenient for faculty and staff to park in designated Faculty/Staff parking lots. A change in policy, however, would accommodate faculty and staff errands, low-traffic period parking choice and occasional parking overflow problems.

Additionally, anticipating parking lot closures due to construction projects beginning in the short term, the Senate proposes that enactment of this bill be contingent on the completion of those projects which would thereby free up those lots being utilized for construction equipment and materials.

IV. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None anticipated.

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