Senate Resolution

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota

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Date: 10/3/18
Re: Student Parking in Parking Ramp

Whereas, the University of North Dakota has traditionally been a commuter campus where a large percentage of students drive to and from campus,

Whereas, because of the high number of students who drive to campus, we have a very high demand for parking,

Whereas, we have received an increased amount of students concerns and complaints regarding the parking on campus since the new changes implemented this year, including but not limited to: parking pass rate increases, parking ticket price increase, reduction in number of available student spots, loss of preferred parking spots near academic and student buildings, etc..

Whereas, UND Student Senate does recognize that Facilities Management and Parking Services raised permit costs, parking ticket costs, and changed lot zoning due to UND parking’s large losses in revenue over the past few years,

Whereas, while students are glad that Parking Services is attempting to address the need for more parking opportunities for community members not directly affiliated with the University who help bring more opportunities for collaboration, experiential learning, and job prospects with the Passport Parking App, we also are concerned that these revenue generating opportunities are being prioritized over the welfare of their students,

Whereas, many complaints have been voiced that these spaces for “Park 'N Pay” are not used frequently during the peak hours of the day, when most students are parking on campus, leaving these spots empty while students are parking in other lots further from their academic buildings,
Whereas, this is currently an inconvenience for students having to take the additional time to walk to their class from a parking lot that is located further from their destination, but could eventually become more than an inconvenience. This could also become a safety hazard and traffic flow concern, as students need to cross more busy streets and intersections to get to their classes,

Whereas, this also poses a health concern as we get further into the winter months where freezing temperatures on campus can have adverse effects on the health and wellness of our students,

Therefore, be it resolved that UND Student Senate recommends to Facilities Management and Parking Services that once data has been collected and analyzed on the cost benefits of the parking changes they collaborate with Student Senate to address student complaints regarding floors four and five of the ramp, the Passport Parking row in front of Hughes Fines Arts Center, and any other under-utilized Passport Parking areas.

Therefore, be it further resolved that Parking Services work with student leaders to increase transparency included, but not limited to: alerting the entire University community through their NDUS email to changes about permit pricing, ticket pricing, lot reclassifications, and time schedules of when lots will be patrolled; giving the community a minimum of 30 days of public comment to raise concerns or questions about said changes; and improve the appeals process such as allowing in person or phone appeals and permitting more room and flexibility for extenuating circumstances.

Therefore, be it furthest resolved that Parking Services better work with student leaders to help more effectively serve the University of North Dakota and its affiliates.

Erik Hanson, Student Body President