



Resolution Regarding Graduate Student Carpool Parking Privileges

WHEREAS, Parking Operations, the University Parking Task Force, and the Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee removed graduate assistant access to carpool permits;

WHEREAS, the financial relief provided by graduate assistant access to carpool permits is no longer available and no alternative has been put into place;

WHEREAS, financial concerns were indicated as a primary concern of graduate and professional students on the Bloomington campus (GPSO Diversity Survey 2014);

WHEREAS, a number of departments reclassified graduate students as hourly employees in response to insurance mandates put forth by the Affordable Care Act;

WHEREAS, students who were previously eligible for "C" permit parking are now no longer eligible as hourly employees;

WHEREAS, professional students do not have access to hourly positions and are also excluded from access to "C" permits;

WHEREAS, carpooling options and incentivization should help to offset the number of additional drivers added to the "C" parking spaces pool;

WHEREAS, providing an incentive to carpool will also help our community better align with the goals set by the Office of Sustainability by reducing the number of vehicles being driven;

WHEREAS, allowing graduate and professional students to park in more places will save them time and reduce transportation demand because graduate students and those benefiting from reduced parking demand can park closer to their destinations; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Organization Assembly that –

- (1) Parking Operations should create a graduate assistant carpool permit with "C" permit equivalency, open to graduate assistants who have access to "C" permits;
- (2) Parking spaces should be designated to carpool permit holders in lots designated for "C" parking permits; and



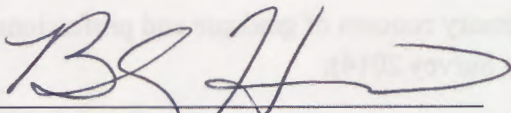
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(3) Parking Operations and the Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee should explore extending carpool permits to hourly employee graduate students and professional students as parking spot demand decreases.

Respectfully submitted to and passed by the Graduate and Professional Student Organization Assembly on this 5th day of December, 2014.



GPSO President

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Date