

PARKING ISSUES AND SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS

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Issue #1 Shortage of Parking Spaces

Solutions to # 1

Decrease number of cars on campus

- 1) **Promote and facilitate car pooling.** There needs to be incentives for this to get off the ground. (Emory Univ. has a very good program)
 - reduced rate for 2 faculty/staff to car pool
 - free parking for 3 or more who car pool
 - need parking passes available for times when can't car pool (12-15 passes)
 - web site for ride matching
- 2) **Promote biking and walking to work for those that can**
 - Sell inexpensive parking pass books (12-15 passes) or tokens (for lots similar to Health Center) to those that sometimes walk, bicycle to work, but sometimes need to drive due to weather, appointments, etc.
- 3) **Limit student parking (freshman) on Campus.** This is a common practice at many universities.
 - develop a sliding scale on parking price based on year in school
 - a. freshmen - high parking cost
 - b. sophomores
 - c. juniors
 - d. seniors / grads - lowest level parking cost
- 4) **Tele-commute from home whenever possible**

Comments/Other possible solutions to #1 (Decrease number of cars on campus)

In reference to point # :

- 1) Car pool and bike/walk solutions needs to be promoted and needs incentives - in the long run would be cheaper than building decks and paving lots
- 1) Car pooling - have Guaranteed Ride home for car poolers for emergencies
- 3) Student Parking - ban freshman (and possibly sophomores) parking on campus
- 3) Student Parking - charge all students a higher/more equitable price so they are deterred from driving to campus
- 3) Provide remote parking lots to students therefore opening commuter lots to faculty/staff
General - Parking spaces are at a premium between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. Many people who have to leave campus for lunch, doctor=s appointment or a business meeting are unable to find a parking space when they return to campus.

Put in additional Parking

- 1) **More perimeter parking with bus service** to lots at work start, lunch and quitting times. It would be imperative that bus service would be available not only at critical times of the day, but also when classes are not in session.
 - all bus stops should have a bus route map, operating times and frequency of buses
- 2) **More parking decks**
 - especially incorporating underground parking decks in new dorms that are scheduled for construction

Comments/Other possible solutions to #1 (Put in additional Parking)

In reference to point # :

- 1) Provide timely van shuttle from remote lots for faculty/staff/employees who leave campus for lunch, doctors appointments, etc so they can come back to work without driving long periods of time searching for a parking space
- 1) Bus route - a quick non stop loop from remote lots to a campus bus station that has multiple routes servicing it (transfer station)
- 1) Pave gravel lots next to Animal Sciences
- 2) If parking spaces to be lost to construction the pay parking spaces at the decks should be done away with.

Issues #2 Regulations & Enforcement

Problems

- 1) Students parking in gated lots
- 2) UGA/State vehicles parking in faculty/staff/employee spaces
- 3) Double parking to save a space for a co-worker
- 4) Faculty/staff/employee allowing children to use their permit to park in non student parking areas
- 5) Courier pass ineffective if there is no place to park
- 6) Reserve parking space for campus worker to "visit" another area for meetings away from their building and for days buses do not run

Solutions to #2

- 1) Patrol faculty/staff/employee lots close to 8:00 a.m. and ticket vehicles with improper parking permit
- 2) Ticket UGA/State vehicles that park in non state vehicle spaces. Some lots are loaded with UGA vehicles in faculty/staff spaces.
- 3) Ticket offenders
- 4) Random check of UGA identification to verify that the driver is employed as faculty/staff/employee and not a student, and fine offenders
- 5) Provide 15 minute reserve parking for vehicles displaying courier pass
- 6) Provide reserved parking for a meetings and for guests who will be in the building for up to 90-120 minutes

Comments/Other possible solutions to #2

In reference to point # :

- 1) gated lots open to permit parking in the evening. Some students park overnight or early morning and fail to move their vehicles by the time the gate is closed in the morning. Perhaps a sign that valid daytime permit is required from 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. could help improve this situation.
- 2) Provide more UGA/state vehicle parking spaces without taking spaces from faculty/staff/employee parking areas
- 5) Courier passes currently do not allow a vehicle to park in a UGA/state vehicle parking space to make deliveries. Often those are the only available parking spaces. The courier pass is used at times because materials are too cumbersome to transport on the bus.
- 6) Provide van or bus service any day the university is open, even if students are not in classes

Issues #3 Parking fees inequitable and expensive

Problems

- 1) fees based on employment status, not annual income
- 2) system does not equitably reflect convenience of parking space location relative to work location.
- 3) parking deck fees too high
 - a. North deck \$150
 - b. Carlton St. deck \$200 academic year / \$270 annual
 - c. South deck \$200 academic year / \$270 annual

Solutions to #3

- 1) Prorate faculty/staff/employees separately using a sliding scale for fees based on annual salary ranges
- 2) Develop a parking system that factors in convenience level to cost of permit
 - a. guaranteed specific spaces for deans, etc. at highest premium
 - b. guaranteed space lots next highest fee
 - c. unreserved gated lots at medium fee
 - d. near perimeter lots at low fee
 - e. distant perimeter lots with bus or van service at lowest fee
- 3) Increase Parking income from sources that use UGA property but don't pay for it.
 - a. Charge off campus workers for parking on other UGA properties same as on campus workers
 - b. Collect fees from Athletic Association for game week parking privileges and any monies they collect for football parking

Comments/Other possible solutions to #3

In reference to point # :

- 1) Currently have two distinctions for setting parking fees for faculty, staff and employees based on employment status. Some long term employees earn more than entry level staff. Perhaps it would be better to base parking fees on salary, not employment status.
- 1) cost to park on campus is getting Δout of hand@
- 2) Put a higher premium on parking spaces that are closest to buildings, lowest premium on parking spaces farthest from buildings
- 2) Develop more low cost perimeter lots
- 3) Charge all students more for parking
- 3) Increase fine for students parking out of zone
- 3) Charge higher parking fee to out-of-state students
- 3) Off set parking deck costs with Athletic Association
- 3) Library pays the \$15 parking fee for workers. Reserve the spaces with barricades

Issue #4 Handicapped parking

Problems

- 1) Some parking spaces near steep slopes or uneven ground are dangerous to those on crutches, in wheelchairs or using a cane.
- 2) Handicapped spaces are not always clearly marked
- 3) Non handicapped vehicles parked in handicapped parking spaces
- 4) Temporary handicapped tag (Red) expired

- 5) Too few or too many handicapped spaces near a building

Solutions to issue #4

- 1) Provide handicapped parking spaces where ground is level and there is no dangerous slope or uneven ground nearby.
- 2) Clearly mark handicapped parking spaces, repaint if paint is faded
- 3) Strictly enforce the 24 hour reserved for handicapped regulation
- 4) Ticket those with expired temporary handicapped permits
- 5) Create a central, covered handicapped parking area (transfer station) with van service readily available
- 5) Disability Van Services - access for faculty/staff should be equitable with students

Comments/Other possible solutions to #4

In reference to point # :

- 1) Handicapped parking permits do fade and the expiration date can not be seen making it possible for someone to illegally park in a space designated for handicapped parking.
- 2) The need for a covered handicapped parking station will be self evident on days of inclement weather
- 2) Issue UGA handicapped parking hang tags and design map labeling where handicapped parking located.

Miscellaneous Issues and Comments

- 1) North deck pay parking should be in restricted area (top 2 levels). If you have to leave for lunch you many times are out of luck trying to find a space afterwards.
- 2) Human Resources drop off box should be outside gated lot
- 3) Courier pass holders should be allowed to park in UGA vehicle spaces
- 4) Need more visitor parking
- 5) Campus Atmosphere
 - make the campus walker friendly - no trucks etc parked on side walks
 - have parking medians with shade trees planted
- 6) On football game days have parking for staff that are required to work
 - Football Game day parking on campus. Workers must be there by 9:00 am to get a space, even if they don't clock in until 1:00 pm
 - Science library lot is designated for Media on game days and sits empty whilst those having to work in the library scramble for spots in the South Parking deck with all the fans.
- 7) Consider distance from parking lots to offices. Especially for older faculty/staff and visitors who can't walk the distances students can.
- 8) New Genomics building on College Station has no grad parking. This is not realistic for students who work long hours and are finished outside of bus times.