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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. John M. Rudley, VC/VP, Administration and Finance

CARE OF: Dave Irvin, Associate VC/VP, Plant Operations

FROM: Robert J. Browand, Director, Parking and Transportation Service

DATE: May 16, 2006

SUBJECT: Graduate Student Parking Policy

The Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee (TPAC) has discussed the issue of Graduate Student parking on campus. As a result of those discussions, TPAC is submitting the attached recommended policy outlining the parking options available to UH Graduate Students.

After reviewing, please acknowledge your agreement by signing the approval line.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON
Graduate Student Parking Policy

Effective 2006 Fall Semester Teaching Assistants, Graduate Assistants, Research Assistants, Instructional Assistants, and Teaching Fellows, will have the following campus parking options available.

Student Parking Permit - Graduate students may purchase a student parking permit which allows parking in any non-restricted student parking lot. This permit is also valid in any non-restricted faculty/staff parking space weekday evenings after 5pm (6pm for Lot 13A) and on weekends and University Holidays. A university holiday is defined as the closing of business offices.

Faculty/Staff Garage Parking Permit – Graduate students may purchase a faculty/staff garage permit for parking in the UH parking garage. Garage permits are valid in surface parking lots weekdays after 5pm and all day on weekends and university holidays.

Faculty/Staff Gated Parking Permit – Graduate students will be allowed to purchase any remaining faculty/staff gated lot parking permits available each year after all UH faculty/staff parking requests have been processed. Graduate students wishing to apply for gated lot parking can e-mail their request to parking@uh.edu starting May 15. The e-mail should include their name, EMPLID, and a first and second choice of gated parking lots. Waiting lists will be kept in the order the e-mails are received. Approved requesters will be notified by e-mail.

Additionally, colleges have the right to substitute a graduate student for an approved gated lot employee provided that the approved employee was active at the beginning of the academic year (September 1st).

Approved - Dr. John M. Rudley, VC/VP Administration and Finance

Date

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At UMass Lowell grad students are students. They park in student lots.

Dick Desroches

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At Purdue University, students must work .75 FTE to purchase a staff permit. Grad students bring this issue before the Parking & Traffic Committee each year. We do not have adequate parking for all grad staff/students.

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Bob:

At Utah State University all graduate students are considered students and park only in student lots.

Have a great day.

Lisa

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At the University of North Texas -
Graduate students are students and can only buy student permits except for TF's. TF's can buy a staff permit for the semester they teach.
(TA's are considered students).
Scott

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At Penn State, we authorize upgrades for faculty/staff parking lots for grad student teaching and research assistants if space exists. Also, those students must be identified by the Deans of the Colleges. The Provost and Grad Student Programs are aware that this program is based solely on available space. If there is no available faculty/staff space, then they park in

student lots. Important to note that these grad students must pay the going rate for the lot. All other grad students must park in student lots.

My question would be is your faculty senate willing to give up the faculty/staff spaces for students? I doubt it and I doubt if they are willing to pay higher parking rates to build more f/s parking for the grad students.

There is also the whole issue of treating grad students like employees and the potential union implications.

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Our grad students park in student parking. Except MBA students get student lots and also park after 3:30 pm in only one Fac/Staff lot with a special permit. Grad assistants get fac/staff parking if approved by the Dean of Grad Studies. Very few are approved.

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At the University of Rochester all Grad Students must park in the commuter student lot. Only Post Doctoral fellows move up to Faculty/Staff status. This is due to space constraints.

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At the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, grad students, no matter what their status, are students.

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At the University of British Columbia, all Grad Students are considered Faculty/Staff and can purchase a Faculty/Staff parking permit.

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Robert,

Here at Washington State University we consider graduate students with teaching or research appointments as faculty and staff. They are eligible for payroll deduction and for pre-tax parking benefits. They also do much of the teaching around here and have similar demands on their time as faculty. Since we use a zone system, we simply include them as eligible for the zones we give priority to faculty and staff. We don't have a shortage of this parking so it is an easy step for us. By the way, we made this change officially about two years ago. It has worked out well for us here. Let me know if you have other questions.

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At Penn State, graduate students are considered students. They park in the same lots as the rest of the students. We do have a couple parking decks that are not fully assigned to employees. On a space available basis, we will make an allocation of these choice locations available to the colleges. It is up to the dean to determine which students in his/her college gets the chance to purchase a permit upgrade. We worked with a representative of the Faculty Senate (who was an associate dean at the time) to create a set of guidelines that would help them determine the students based on academic need. They do not need to follow those guidelines, but if they don't they are on their own.

Once identified, the students can come to the parking office and purchase an upgrade for their permit. They must first register as a student and then pay the difference between the student rate and the value of the lot to which they have been assigned. They must pay in advance for the semester or year.

We reserve the right to eliminate this program at any time should the need arise. It has been in place since about 1996 or 1997. We had to declare a moratorium on the practice a couple years ago when we lost a ton (over 2000) of parking spaces in a very short period of time. It was re-instated last year and continues this year in an expanded version.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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