Dear Colleagues,

The administration made their last financial offer to the FSU last Friday regarding parking rates:

- $550 for a semester pass for parking on campus (including Lot D)
- $504 for a semester pass at Bayside or off campus
- Semesters are defined as September 1-January 15, and January 16-May 31
- Summer session 1 or 2 for $70/session if you purchase a semester pass (either fall or spring)
- Other than purchasing these semester passes, one can purchase the non-unit rates of $15/day on campus or $9/day at Bayside, or purchase a monthly pass at the rates for non-unit members here, including a reserved space.

We rejected this offer and now enter mediation, beginning this Friday, November 9 (for a Power Point primer on the parking bargaining process and for previous parking bargaining updates see here).

Let us know your thoughts.

As many of you know, the FSU had offered many other alternatives and rates, as we discussed with you at our last bargaining update. We will discuss in more detail where bargaining stands and possible directions and would love to hear from you at our bargaining update this Wednesday, November 7, 12 noon, ISC, 2nd floor, room 2003. Join us for pizza.

Help us organize to fight this before the administration imposes it on us. Look for a parking organizing email tomorrow. Bring your energy and ideas.

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Dear FSU Member,

The FSU parking bargaining team engaged in bargaining all day on Thursday, October 25,th knowing there was only a half-day of bargaining left before we move to mediation (for a Power Point primer on the parking bargaining process see here). The Administration has proposed a new construct for
assessing parking rates based on average workload for faculty in our bargaining unit. We have proposed semi-annual passes that will cover unlimited use. We are still fighting over multi-park passes. There are still many important issues to work out. **We need additional testimony from members if you want to continue multi-park passes and reasonable rates. Our last bargaining session is this Wednesday, October 31 from 11-3.** Let us know if you can testify about parking concerns that you have.

**We will hold a member update on parking on Wednesday, November 7, 12 noon, in ISC, 2nd floor, conference room 2003.** Pizza will be served.

**Concerned about the parking fee increase?** We are. At the UMB Town Hall, interim chancellor Newman made clear her intention to radically boost fees in order to pay off the debt on the new garage—even despite last year's surprising surplus and the prospect of many millions in new revenue from the looming Bayside development.

Join us for a Halloween Parking Parade this Wednesday, October 31st at 12 noon by the Steelworker Statue on the plaza to let the UMB administration know that we will not be forced to pay for this debt. Get your costume ready! Only YOU, your co-workers and students can prevent a drastic parking fee increase! See the attached for more information.

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**►Parking Bargaining update:**

**Administration Continues to Propose Excessive Rate Increase**

- While the latest administration proposal adjusted the parking rates the adjustment was minor and would still, for some unit members, consume the entire negotiated pay raise.
- The FSU continues to insist any increase in rates must be reasonable and, at a minimum, be mitigated by any potential monies allocated to relieve UMB debt and/or parking and transportation costs.

**No Reduction in Current Benefit**
• The FSU continues to fight for maintaining multi-parking passes for all unit members.
• We also insist the current hours of operation be maintained so that parking in the evenings and on Sundays is free.
• We advocate for handicapped parking spaces that are conveniently accessible to respective campus work locations and acknowledge temporary handicapped status.

Our Collective Voice Matters

• The FSU, in coordination with our union colleagues in CSU and PSU, made our voices heard at Convocation with a powerful demonstration of our collective concerns.
• Three FSU members gave powerful testimony to the Administration on the issues above and how the Administration’s proposal would negatively impact them as well as the life of the university. Their testimony was powerful.

Please consider telling the Administration at one of our subsequent bargaining sessions how their proposed parking fee increases will impact you please! The testimonies are needed and persuasive. Our next bargaining sessions are on Sept 26, October 25, and possibly October 31.

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