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Submitted by Tomasz Warchol

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Motion:

Stop charging faculty for parking. If action fails, negotiate lower parking rates consistent with the amount of time faculty work on campus, and work to reduce and waive parking ticket citations.

Rationale:

1. GSU should take an example of Armstrong Atlantic that offers free parking to faculty even though their spaces are more valuable (given the number of commuting students).
2. On principle, faculty should not be charged for parking where they are employed by the University to work. Parking is not owned and operated by an outside company.
3. Parking fees for faculty should at least be lower since most work on campus 23 days a week and are gone for the summer and yet we pay the same as staff and administration.
4. Parking tickets are steep (\$30 +), higher than in downtown Savannah.
5. Unlike the City of Savannah (or Tybee), GSU Parking Dept. is unfriendly and unforgiving and does not have the policy of waiving at least one citation a year.
6. At peak hours on campus, faculty cannot often find free spaces to park which is aggravating when you actually paid good money for them.

Response:

9/13/2013: The SEC did not put this motion on the agenda for several reasons.:

- 1) The committee felt that the motion was not worded effectively and would benefit from being presented differently;
- 2) President Keel addressed the parking fee issue at the Senate meeting of September 2012 wherein he said he did not think it possible to reduce or eliminate parking fees for faculty and staff.

However, in light of the evidence that Armstrong Atlantic does not impose any fee on faculty and staff to park on campus, the SEC feels this issue warrants more discussion.

Minutes: 9/16/2013: Dr. Costomiris also commented on a motion brought to the SEC about parking that noted that Armstrong Atlantic does not charge faculty and staff for parking. Although not placed on the agenda today Dr. Costomiris noted this is worth discussing in the future