



“M-Deck Parking Policy”

Bill # 08-01

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Vote: Yes _____ No _____

Whereas the purpose of the Student Government Association is to provide a responsive forum for student opinions and interests and to actively seek out, investigate and resolve student complaints and concerns; and

Whereas the Student Government Association is the official voice of the students; and

Whereas the M-Deck parking structure is currently open to everyone with the daily fees of \$6.00 for guests/visitors, \$4.50 for current students, and \$200 for an unlimited-use semester pass available for purchase by students; and

Whereas at certain times during a typical week, M-Deck becomes full and access for students with M-Deck passes can be restricted; and

Whereas in certain cases, M-Deck pass holders have been unable to find a parking spot when the deck is full, forcing pass holders to scramble to find other places to park; and

Whereas students that utilize cash and Budget Cards have the ability to park in N, K, and S Decks, and are not restricted to a particular deck unlike M-Deck pass holders; and

Whereas the Student Government Association is mandated by their constitution to serve as partners in the administrative processes of the University; and

Therefore let it be resolved that the Student Government Association is favor of the following:

Unanimously writing a recommendation letter (that will be written by the Vice President of Student Services, Tom Caiafa) that states that the Student Government Association recommends that the current policy regarding alternate parking solutions to M-Deck pass holders in the event the deck is full to capacity be more publicized in the form of permanent signage placed in the deck itself, as well as e-mail notification to all current M-Deck pass holders at the beginning of each semester.

The letter, which is to be signed by the SGA President, Executive Vice President, and VP of Student Services, shall be sent to the following University officials:

1. Phillip Wells, Director, Parking and Transportation
2. Wayne Reed, Associate Vice President, Auxiliary and Support Services
3. Rebecca Stout, Ph.D, Dean of Students
4. Kelly Petty, Editor-in-Chief, *The Signal*

The SGA President, Executive Vice President, and the VP of Student Services will also be charged to follow up with all of the listed contacts by the next Senate Meeting after passage of this bill. Reports will be made to the Senate by these individuals about this meeting.

After meeting with the following reports and updates, the VP of Public Relations, Nadine Bristol, is to contact an official of *The Signal* to explain this bill, the progress made with University officials, and to make a general statement on behalf of the Student Government Association to inform students of this issue before the next scheduled issue of *The Signal*.

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