

To: Wright State University Public Safety Director
CC: Susan Edwards, Greg Sample, Emily Hamman
From: Staff and Faculty Senate Leadership
Date: September 6, 2022
Re: Parking Changes

Director Holden,

We are writing with a joint request for further information regarding the recent changes in parking at Wright State University's Dayton campus. In recent weeks, both of our bodies have received concerns and complaints and share in the lack of understanding and knowledge to provide effective clarification.

Insufficient communication has been sent to the campus community regarding the changes that impact the ability to achieve timely arrival to work and meet student needs. Staff and Faculty, in both official and coincidental opportunities, are always encouraged to provide students with direct answers and immediate assistance whenever possible; however, this has been made difficult with the lack of communication and clarity provided to Staff and Faculty regarding parking changes.

The information provided in various communications and websites are conflicting and causing further confusion, including the Parking website, the My Account parking portal, the Wright Way policy and communications from the university are conflicting and further the confusion among the campus community. For example, the Wright Way Policy 7410 is noted as having been changed on August 24th under the temporary/emergency provisions, however, parts of the policy remain in conflict with other official university sources.

We would like to have some clarification on a few points below:

- Can you share the motivation for these changes?
- When will there be a communication to the entire campus community to clarify confusion regarding changes that have been made to parking lots and passes? Including:
 - Can Staff and Faculty with existing B passes purchase Raider passes (to park in many of the same spots the B passes previously offered) at this time?
 - At what cost? Is that cost pro-rated and the amount already paid for a B pass accounted for?
 - Must visitors check in at the booth in Lot 2 prior to parking in a Raider spot, and how is a visitor to campus to know this and identify the "Reserved" Raider spots as visitors?
 - Are Raider spots always restricted, or, as the policy states still in reference to their former designation (A spaces), after 4pm are they open to all Faculty and Staff with a permit?
 - Are Faculty and Staff expected to continue the practice outlined in policy 7410.4, and avoid white spaces, when possible, out of respect for commuter students?

- What data was utilized to determine what lots and spaces were converted to Raider spots? When will Raider Rowdy spots be adjusted, and what data will this be based on, to ensure that lots are being used most effectively and there are not empty inaccessible spaces for Students, Staff and Faculty?
 - In addition, can you provide the following data:
 - Number of Raider permits (and A Reserved) passes issued and number of marked Raider spaces (now and any still to be painted).
 - Number of Faculty/Staff B permits issued and number of yellow unrestricted spaces before and after the repainting of lines and addition of Raider spaces.
 - Number of Student permits issued and number of unrestricted white spaces before and after repainting of lines and addition of Raider spaces.
- What necessitated an emergency policy change and was any attempt made to consult with any stakeholders? To our knowledge, the Staff Senate, the Faculty Senate, and the Building and Grounds Committee were not consulted.
 - Can you provide the before and after of Wright Way Policy 7410?
 - With various official sources (website, parking portal, policy, communications) in direct conflict, what is the official source for parking information?
- When will the promised details about Staff and Faculty parking be communicated to Staff and Faculty, and specifically, will pricing for identical passes be normalized for Students and Staff/Faculty?

We request that clarification be provided promptly to the entire campus community who have been impacted by the uncommunicated changes.

We further would like to offer that our groups, including the Staff Senate, Faculty Senate, and any of our appropriate committees, are in place to provide a central voice for feedback and input regarding policies. We welcome any opportunity to be involved in shaping decisions with an impact on our students and/or our ability to serve our students.

Additionally, always in line with (and not in lieu of) appropriate official communication, the university is encouraged to reach out to our full Senate Bodies, the Executive Committees, other appropriate Committees, and the leaders signed onto this letter for an opportunity to share or address upcoming or recent changes impacting the university community.

Thank you for your attention to this issue and the concerns that have been raised by many in our campus community and we look forward to clarification to the entire community.

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