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From: Lauren Montgomery, Vice Chair, Faculty Assembly Executive Council, Mark Pendras, Chair, Faculty Assembly Executive Council,

Ruth Ward, Administrative Coordinator to the Faculty Assembly

Re: New Master Plan for Campus Parking and Transportation

Date: 12/12/2016

Thanks for coming to our December 9th meeting to address faculty concerns about parking on campus. As we discussed, here are some requests from faculty for your consideration in developing the new master plan for campus parking and transportation.

1. We ask that you work with the city to increase the parking meter time limit around campus to 140 minutes so that students can use those spaces while attending classes. The UW Tacoma bring upwards of 6,000 people to campus each week, and our classes are largely blocked in two hour increments. Increasing meter limits to 140 minutes gives students and part-time faculty time to walk to and from their two hour classes. With the current 90 minute limit, that optimizes turnover for local merchants, we end up with students (and sometimes even faculty) leaving in the middle of class to plug meters, creating much disruption. One possible compromise is to leave the spaces along Pacific Ave. at 90 minutes for the merchants, but change all others to 140 minutes, to accommodate campus needs.

2) If number 1 above is not successful, and all meters remain at 90 minutes, then those spaces should not be included in the calculation of total campus parking spaces.

1. We request parking attendants at UW Tacoma lots on days when the Convention Center hosts large events. This is the most effective way to prevent public overflows into our lots on those days.
2. For the smaller lots, like the Laborers Lot and the Whitney Lot, consider reducing the percentage of oversold permits, since those lots are filling fairly often, and permit holders have to find and sometimes even pay for parking elsewhere. This is arguably the most frustrating parking problem for faculty.