



University of Illinois Springfield
Student Government Association Resolution FA15-013

Formal Position on Parking Tag Fees

Resolution Sponsor: External Vice President Duane Malany

Co-Sponsor: President Josh Lawson

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WHEREAS, the University of Illinois Springfield (UIS) Student Government Association (SGA) is vested with the authority to be the voice for the student body; and,

WHEREAS, the SGA holds the obligation to ensure any fee imposed upon students is appropriately handled and used to the maximum benefit of the student body; and,

WHEREAS, the SGA recognizes that many services and employment are not available on campus and are not in a reasonable walking distance from campus; and,

WHEREAS, the SGA recognizes that Springfield Mass Transit District (SMTD) does not meet the needs the of the student body; and,

WHEREAS, the SGA recognizes that personal transportation is vital for students at UIS, since the campus is geographically separated from the City of Springfield; and,

WHEREAS, the SGA recognizes that UIS students have no other available option but to park their vehicles on UIS property when residing in housing or attending classes at UIS; and,

WHEREAS, the Parking Operations' current fiscal standing is unsustainable; and,

WHEREAS, the Parking Operations' budget has consistently been operating with a yearly budget deficit to which has totaled to more than \$110,000 from FY14 & 15 combined; and,

WHEREAS, the Chancellor's Office has directed Parking Operations to distribute their funds to pay for, in part of, the salaries and benefits of the UIS Police Department, which has totaled to more than \$70,000 from FY15 to issue tickets; and,

WHEREAS, four students could do the same work for less than \$15,000 during Fall and Spring semesters; and,

WHEREAS, the UIS Police Department's salaries and benefits fund that comes from Parking Operations is approximately 42% of their total salary and benefits budget in FY15; and,

WHEREAS, the SGA recognizes that the UIS Police Department has an invested interest in issuing parking tickets when they are in receipt of funds coming from parking tickets and parking tag fees; and,

WHEREAS, Parking Operations' poor fiscal standing will result in an increase in parking tag fees next fiscal year,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Student Government Association requests Parking Operations to maintain total control over the money coming from parking tag fees and parking tickets in order to sustain its budget and prevent any unnecessary increase in parking tag fees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Government Association requests that Parking Operations cease any operational payments to UIS Police Department and use the funds instead to hire student workers to issue tickets, assist in parking operations, and parking lot repairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Government Association sees a conflict in interest of UIS Police Department issuing parking tickets and that Parking Operations should issue its own parking tickets through student worker positions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Government Association will send a letter to the Chancellor's Office to notify Chancellor Susan Koch and Executive Director of Facilities and Services Dave Borrows of this resolution and request they schedule with President Josh Lawson to formally respond at the next available SGA meeting.

Secretary

President