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As you know, we have been working over the past several months to prepare for the opening of our new garage. In keeping with our longstanding commitment to fairness and promoting campus accessibility, this work has included an intensive effort to establish parking rates that will cover our parking facility operating costs with as minimal a burden as possible on our community, especially frequent parkers and those at the lower end of the pay scale.

As you will see in the breakdown below, we are doing this by offering substantial discounts to those members of our community who park frequently and by providing graduated rates for faculty and staff on the basis of income.

For those earning salaries in the lowest income band, our approach will increase the cost of parking by only 30 cents a day over the current daily cash rate of \$6. The daily increase over the \$5/day rate currently available through a multi-use pass is \$1.30 for those whose salaries fall within this category.

These discounted rates and the other aspects of our parking plan will be implemented shortly for non-unit staff and for members of those unions that have concluded contract negotiations. The university will continue to meet its obligations to bargain regarding parking rates and related procedures with those unions with which we have not yet reached agreement. We are hopeful that we will be able to settle these matters with them in a timely way as well.

Based on feedback from the campus community, including our unions, and in consultation with outside parking experts, we also have factored parking facility convenience into the rate structure. As a result, off campus parking at Bayside will be less expensive than parking on campus and we will establish a higher "reserved" parking rate for a designated number of spots (55 in our most recent proposal), with these "reserved" passes to be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. We also continue to evaluate the best methods of allocating spaces to meet the needs of those members of our community who require accommodations for disabilities, both short term and long term.

(Please note that the monthly and annual fees listed below have been proposed for all non-student employees who purchase parking passes rather than paying the daily cash rate. The daily rates listed below illustrate a 5-day-per-week schedule, which typically results in working roughly 240 days per year after accounting for weekends, holidays and vacations. And as is the case with our current employee rates, these costs may be reduced further by pre-tax payment.)

ANNUAL SALARY	OFF- CAMPUS/BAYSIDE	ON-CAMPUS/WEST GARAGE, CAMPUS	RESERVED
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		CENTER GARAGE, LOT D	
40K or less	\$6.30/day* \$126/month \$1512/year	\$9/day \$180/month \$2160/year	\$15/day \$300/month \$3600/year
41 K-60K	\$6.70/day \$134/month \$1608/year	\$9.90/day \$198.08/month \$2376.96/year	\$15/day \$300/month \$3600/year
61K-75K	\$7.20/day \$144/month \$1728/year	\$10.40/day \$208/month \$2496/year	\$15/day \$300/month \$3600/year
76K-100K	\$7.50/day \$150/month \$1800/year	\$10.90/day \$218.08/month \$2616.96/year	\$15/day \$300/month \$3600/year
100K+	\$8/day \$160/month \$1920/year	\$12/day \$240/month \$2880/year	\$15/day \$300/month \$3600/year

**The annual rate divided by 240 days.*

In setting fees for students, we wanted to offer rates that are as, or even more, affordable than those available to faculty and staff. Returning students will pay \$115/month at Bayside and \$180/month for on-campus parking, and new students will pay \$126/month at Bayside. For those students receiving financial aid, these and other transportation costs may be included in the cost of attendance on which financial aid packages are based. Our leadership team has worked diligently--and will continue to do so--to meet student financial need.

It is important to point out that the university will continue to subsidize the free shuttle service to and from Bayside and public transportation, at a cost of more than \$5 million annually. It is an essential aspect of access to the campus, used by thousands of students and employees on a daily basis. Should finances allow, we will consider further subsidizing the cost of public transportation beyond our existing commitment.

We have worked diligently with our campus partners in order to develop new rates that cover the costs of operating all our parking facilities. In the past, these costs were not fully covered by parking fees, forcing us to allocate tuition revenues and other resources away from programming needs, faculty hiring, student financial aid and the many other worthy things our revenue pays for in order to cover the deficit in our parking operations. This problem has grown over time, as parking rates have remained unchanged since 2004.

As the opening date for the garage approaches, we look forward to continuing the dialogue about mitigating the impact of the fees discussed here, and we will of course provide you with frequent updates and information.

At the same time, under Chancellor Newman's leadership we will continue to work to find creative and innovative ways to mitigate all forms of financial impact to our students, faculty and staff. In collaboration with President Meehan and our legislative representatives, Chancellor Newman will continue to advocate for the financial needs of our campus. While the most recent effort to secure additional state funding was unsuccessful despite the best efforts of everyone involved, that was a first step in what will be an ongoing effort to identify all available sources of funding for our campus.