

**Faculty Senate Meeting
Staff Senate Update [April 5, 2023]**

Staff Senate met on March 14, 2023

- a. **Parking update (Gary Becker):** Gary Becker provided an update on parking. Parking rates for 2023-2024 will **NOT** increase. The Floyd Street garage is going to be paid off so some savings will be realized which will allow parking not to increase fees for the coming year. The process to purchase parking permits for this coming year will be same as always. However, parking is launching a pilot program of a “forever permit”. This pilot program will initially be for Blue permit holders on the Belknap Campus using the payroll option. When the 2023-2024 Blue permit for Belknap is purchased using the payroll option, it will not have an expiration date. Employees will be allowed to use the same permit year after year without taking any action. Employees will receive an annual notice from parking with the permit prices for the upcoming year with a deadline for any action to be taken (such as upgrading to a red spot). If an employee does not communicate with parking by the stated deadline, the payroll deduction process will continue and their current Blue permit remains valid. Assuming a successful rollout for Blue permit holders on Belknap, parking plans to expand this program to the HSC campus for the 2024-2025 year. The process to purchase accessible permits and Blue permits using the credit card option will remain the same as it is now with the annual renewal. This “forever permit” program will save a lot of time and energy and logistics operationally.

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