

Faculty Senate Resolution 08-07

“Parking during the Evening”

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Whereas, those faculty with C-Lot passes who teach evening courses have experienced difficulties with parking for decades;

Whereas, many evening courses begin at 6 pm, and those faculty usually have office hours for evening students who work during the day from 5 to 6 pm, while other courses begin at 4:30 pm;

Whereas, currently the gates open for student entry between 4:00 and 4:30 pm in a seemingly random manner that creates havoc in some C Lots during the time when many faculty are trying to reach their offices in order meet with students or their classrooms in order to teach;

Whereas, increased fees for parking at LSU, particularly in the C Lots, have been substantial in relation to overall compensation but have not led to any corresponding increase in services;

Whereas, the current solution of the Office of Parking, Traffic, and Transportation, which makes the C-9 Lot and ten spaces in the lot adjacent to Taylor Hall available to faculty with C-Lot passes who teach in the evening, does not present a viable alternative to those faculty who teach at some distance from those lots;

Whereas, offering evening courses that represent all levels of the curriculum from lower-division undergraduate courses to graduate seminars is crucial to the community that LSU serves, and departments frequently struggle to offer an appropriate number of courses during that time period;

Whereas, teaching in the evening is voluntary for some faculty and mandatory for others, and the problem with parking becomes a disincentive to those faculty who would volunteer and consequently enhances the burden of those faculty who have no choice in their teaching assignments;

Be it resolved, that the LSU Faculty Senate strongly recommends that the Office of Parking, Traffic, and Transportation keep all C Lots closed to students until 5 pm so that faculty who teach during the day and faculty who teach in the evening may exit and arrive without conflict with students in search of parking; and that the gates be scheduled to open simultaneously so that no single lot becomes the primary focus of student drivers. Furthermore, if it is feasible, the gates to the C Lots should be programmed to open for faculty with B passes after 4:00 pm.