

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Proposal 1-11

(Voting Units: Full Senate)

"Parking Policy"

Background/Rationale:

In recent years there has been increased difficulty finding places to park on the main campus, and a viable long-term solution to this problem has not yet been implemented. People have been parking in service vehicle areas, or on unmarked areas within their parking Lots and were told by Public Safety to find a spot governed by a parking meter as a solution. This has resulted in unsightly and congested parking lots and might be in violation of safety codes as fire access and rescue vehicles may have hindered access. The following solution has been proposed to the Institutional Planning Committee of the University Senate as an immediate resolution:

Proposal:

For all parking Lots on the Michigan Tech Campus, if there are X parking spaces and Y people with permits to park, with $Y > X$, and there is difficulty finding parking at any time of day, Public Safety (if notified by phone and the inspected problem is confirmed) is immediately required to reduce the numbers of permits for that Lot by using the following method: Reduce Y by 7. The 7 are to be chosen on the basis of the date of their employment at Tech. Those hired recently are the first to be moved irrespective of status, i.e., staff or faculty. After one week, if there is still congestion, then 3 more persons are to be reassigned every week until the parking problem is resolved. It is determined that Lots 5, 9 and 26 (currently reserved for graduate and commuter students) would provide ample space for reassigned faculty and staff. Waiting lists would then be formed for each Lot to maintain a reasonable way of filling up vacant spaces.

The names of people allowed to park in each Lot, the date they were hired at Tech, and each waiting list must be placed on the Public Safety department website to ensure fairness and increase confidence in the system.

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