

IFC Parking Resolution  
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The IUPUI Faculty Council is very aware of the reduction in state support and other income that has led the university to investigate a revenue increase from other resources such as parking monetization.

While information is being gathered and assessed regarding the benefits and drawbacks of parking privatization, we request that the president of Indiana University and the Board of Trustees reaffirm the following principles:

1. Maintain Transparency

*Transparency requires that financial data about parking on the Bloomington and Indianapolis campuses be made available to the stakeholders.* The committees that met over the summer to investigate campus parking have some data, but complete information on current and projected revenues, assets, debts, and other liabilities must be accessible and understandable to faculty, staff, and students, the constituents who will bear the burden of the cost of change.

*Transparency requires a clear and public process for examining campus parking options and deciding on a course of action.* The Board of Trustees and the president of Indiana University must establish a public timeline of the dates for the following: a) Goldman Sachs' delivery of its report and recommendations, as well as any other proposals received from internal constituents, b) a period of public vetting and voting on this report and alternative proposals by the constituted student, staff, and faculty councils on both campuses, and c) the Board of Trustees meeting at which the parking options will be discussed and a decision will be made on whether to proceed with a public Request for Proposals.

2. Remain Sensitive to the Differences in Parking Requirements at IUPUI and IUB

Parking is a basic necessity for many IUPUI students, and it is consistently cited as a top concern by students. Analyses must reflect consideration of the effects of privatizing parking on student enrollment, retention, and graduation. Options must weigh the potential for increased parking revenue against the potential for lost tuition.

3. Recognize the Significant Change Represented by Privatizing Parking

When outside companies have been hired to manage university bookstores and food services at IUPUI, students, staff, and faculty have had competitive alternatives available for buying textbooks and eating off campus. Even then, services provided have not always met expectations. In leasing its parking, the university would grant an effective monopoly to an outside company because there are no readily available alternatives.

The IUPUI Faculty Council calls on the Board of Trustees and the president of Indiana University to acknowledge their agreement to act on these principles.

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