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Dear Faculty Senators:

During the January 2012 Faculty Senate meeting, a resolution regarding parking zone assignments was approved and forwarded to the Department of Parking and Transportation Services (P&T). The resolution is as follows:

Faculty Senate Resolution 12-01: "Request that Parking and Traffic Services consider a policy to allow requests for priority "A" parking with consideration of work hours, gender, disability, or other reasonable concerns."

Background

After receiving this request, we researched the number of A Zone parkers, the occupancy rates within the A Zone, the current wait list policy and number, crime statistics for faculty/staff B zones and safety and other security-related services available to the B zone lots. This information, together with Resolution 12-01, was presented to the Parking and Transportation Committee. The Parking and Transportation Committee consists of an equal number of faculty, staff and students. It is charged with advising the Department of Parking and Transportation Services and ECU Transit on policy and planning issues related to their services. Each year the Faculty Senate elects three faculty members and the Chair of the Faculty elects one faculty member to serve as their representatives on this committee.

A Zone Availability

Our documentation and records showed that there are 1217 A1 Zone parking spaces on campus. Currently there are 1334 A1 Zone permits issued. Based on a prior Faculty Senate resolution, we have restricted the oversell of the A zone to 10%. Our waiting list consists of 313 persons and 92 persons were moved off the wait list for the parking year starting 7/1/11.

There is little room in the A zone to accommodate additional permit holders above the current level of 1334. Although we believe we could increase the oversell rate in the A zone above the current 10% level, we feel that we would not be able to increase the level above 15% without pushing A zone permit holders into B zones during high occupancy periods. Increasing to 15% oversell would provide an additional 65 available permits, but this is unlikely to meet the demand for staff and faculty who might meet the new criteria. Furthermore, any increase in the oversell rate would push permit holders further to the east (Rivers Building lot) and west (Mendenhall lot) of campus to find available parking. We believe our current A permit holders would be opposed to this. Of course, many of our B permit holders would appreciate any opportunity to become eligible for an A permit.

Regardless of the oversell rate, we believe that providing additional accessibility based on gender, work hours and other concerns would increase the number of

ineligible people on the A zone waiting list and the time required to wait before becoming eligible for an A zone permit. It may also require some current A zone permits holders (not meeting the new criteria) to relinquish their A permit to these newly eligible faculty and staff. If there are valid safety reasons for becoming eligible for an A permit, it would not be acceptable to make these individuals park in an unsafe situation until they become eligible. They would need to have immediate eligibility. Special consideration is already provided to those covered by the Americans for Disability Act, regardless of whether they are permanently or temporarily disabled. They become eligible as soon as their disability is reported and verified.

B Zone Status

To look at current availability for early arrivals on campus, we reviewed the B1 Zone lots that are in close proximity to campus. The occupancy levels for these lots are under 20% for arrival at 7 AM with space still available until almost 8 AM. The lots on College Hill Drive that are named CH1, CH2, and CH3 can be seen on Attachment A. Crime statistics provided by ECU Police show that no relevant and significant crimes against persons occur in these B lot areas between the hours of 7 AM and 10 PM on Monday through Friday. The vast majority of crimes on campus occurs late at night/early morning, in or around residence halls and is mostly student-on-student incidents. There are very few crimes occurring on campus that are random in nature and relevant to this discussion. In addition, our occupancy counts show that the lot closest to 10th Street would be available to anyone arriving at 7:30 AM. The high traffic levels on 10th Street and the pedestrian traffic coming from the College Hill residence halls at this time would further reduce the risk of crime. Security cameras, SafeRide, police escorts and ECU Transit options can further reduce the risk.

Other Options

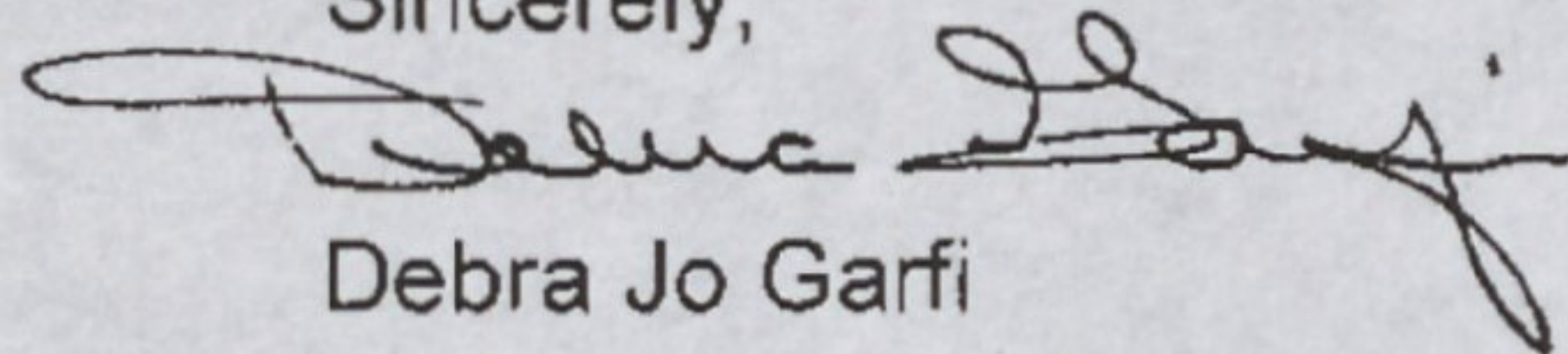
Persons who park their vehicles in the B1 Parking Zones have the opportunity to move their vehicles onto core campus into the A zone after 4:00 p.m. The lots they can use are on Attachment B.

Those who park their vehicles in the B1 parking zones on College Hill will be able to utilize a new ECU Transit service from campus that will drop off near the parking lots. This service is scheduled to begin in Fall 2012.

As mentioned earlier, policies are already in place in regards to disability parking. The policy allows persons needing ADA parking to park in the A1 Zone or whichever zone provides the closest accessibility to their primary destination. This policy is managed through a collaborative effort between Disability Support Services and Parking and Transportation Services. While there are legal standards that make it reasonable and necessary to manage ADA parking, other criteria would be difficult or near impossible to manage effectively. While gender as criteria would be rather manageable, it may be considered discriminatory. Standards like work hours, which may change each semester, would be nearly impossible to manage.

The Parking and Transportation Committee reviewed the information submitted by this office. A recommendation on the policy was requested from the Committee. The committee's recommendation was to maintain the current waiting list and priority A zone parking policy with ADA accessibility as the only exception.

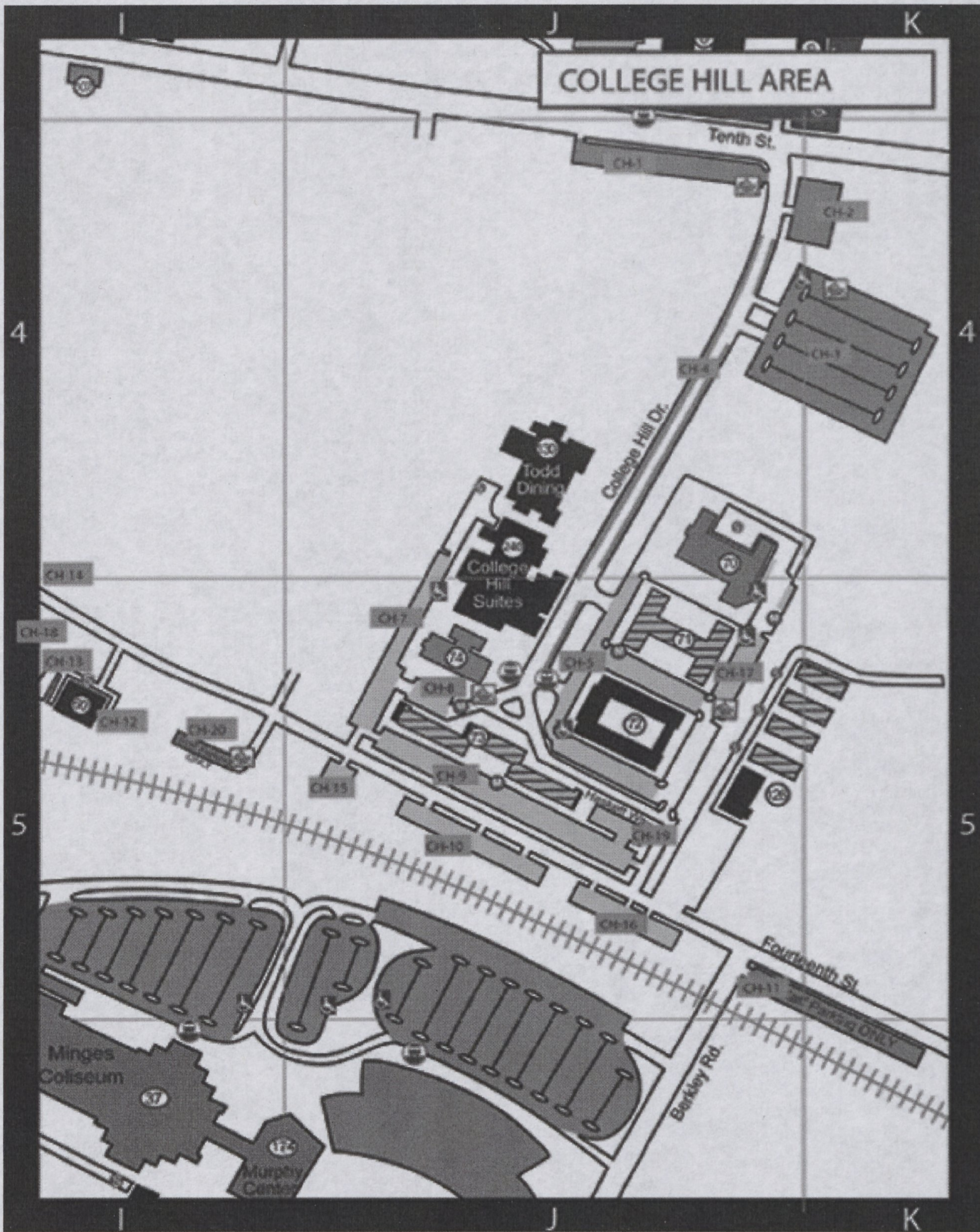
Sincerely,

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Debra Jo Garfi

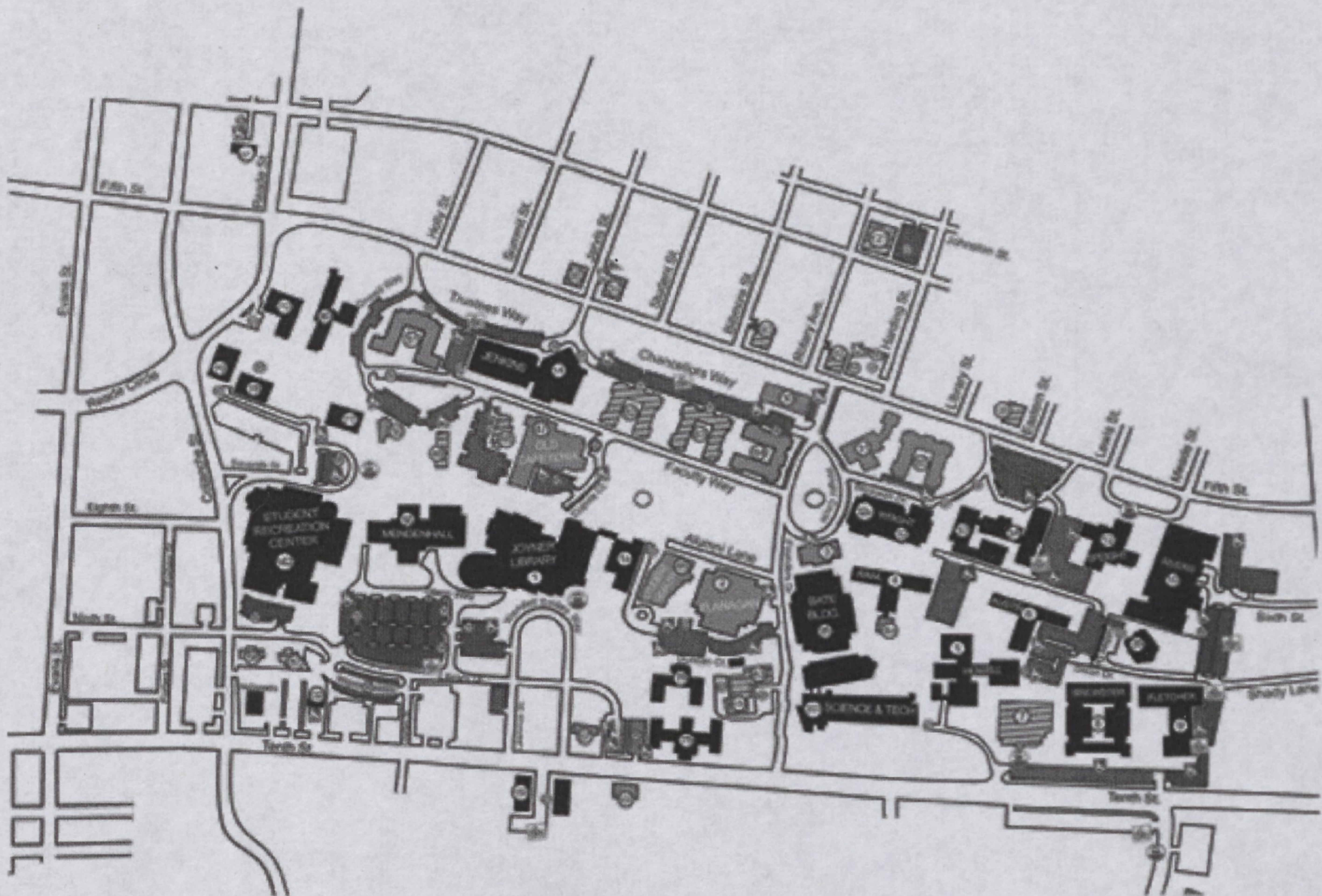
Director of Parking and Transportation

Attachment A



Attachment B

A1 Parking Zones



All parking on core campus is designated as A1 zone parking.

Lots shaded PURPLE open to A2, B, and C zone permits at 4:00pm.

Lots shaded in RED open to A2, B, and C zone permits at 7:00pm.

If you are cited in the A1 zone for not observing the parking regulations, you can be towed on your 2nd violation.