

In Anno XXVI, In the SGA Senate Assembled: A Resolution

*Whereas*, the issue of parking on campus must be addressed,

*Noting*, the construction of a new residence building on the North side of campus has limited parking on that side of the campus,

*Noting with deep concern*, that the South side of campus had parking removed last year for the construction of the New Academic Building,

*Recalling*, the considerable outcry for parking reform on campus went largely unheeded last year,

*Viewing with great appreciation*, the University's efforts in improving the campus, quality of life, and academic program for students; such a goal for the University is laudable,

*Suggesting*, among future improvements made to the University grounds are plans for a parking facility somewhere on campus to:

Allow further development over existing parking areas while securing convenient parking for all students;

*Noting* , a garage will create a location where parking will always exist and be available;

*Noting with regret*, commuting students are consistently disadvantaged by the yearly removal of available parking,

*Fully believing*, the removal of parking and congestion on the south, and now, north sides of campus creates a dangerous driving environment, filled with inexperienced drivers jockeying for parking spots,

*Ascribing to the belief*, any additional restriction of traffic makes an inherently dangerous situation even more dangerous, as what happens when construction occurs, campus vehicles obstruct the roadways, or any action which inhibits the flow of traffic,

*Exhorting*, Public Safety to take a stronger stance against illegal parking, towing vehicles who are blocking lanes of traffic without question or hesitation, and properly ticketing vehicles who are in violation of the rules of the road on campus proper,

*Emphasizing*, the parking situation this year has not been met with official comment or action from the University,

*Taking into account*, Residential students are not required to drive their cars to attend classes,

*Noting*, Residential students have the benefit of two, soon to be three, indoor pedestrian bridges crossing Hempstead Turnpike, thereby alleviating the need to drive in order to avoid adverse weather,

*Believing*, changes can be made in University policy to alleviate parking issues on campus;

*Taking also into account*, commuter students are a clear majority among tuition paying students at Hofstra, constituting a large plurality of undergraduates:

*Suggesting*, commuting students be given priority parking on the south side of campus from the hours of 5:30am to 7:30pm,

*Therefore, Let It Be Resolved*, the University must act on this new parking crisis.

*Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved*, the Student Government President, Vice President, Organization of Commuter Students Representative, Residential Life Representative, Organization of Commuter Students President, the Student Services Chair and any interested Senators shall schedule meetings with the proper authorities on campus to lobby for a change in the University's parking policy.