



Transportation Fee Increase Bill F2016-B2

WHEREAS, the Transportation Fee is capped at \$3.50/hour (since 2003), regardless of US Dollar inflation and record University enrollment;

WHEREAS, according to this article in the North Texas Daily, Parking and Transportation will have paid an extra \$20 million USD in interest since the construction of the Highland Street Parking Garage. This money should be spent on an improved parking and transportation system;

WHEREAS, both student and faculty parking is suffering from a realignment initiated in the summer of 2016 that included parking lot changes and increases to parking pass prices, both of which were affected by funding changes resulting from the schism between Parking & Transportation and the University of North Texas Police Departments;

WHEREAS, a lack of funding is negatively impacting the development of the Parking & Transportation Department;

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, a University of North Texas Transportation Fee increase be put to question before the student body in a Fall 2016 referendum.

“Would you enable the University of North Texas Transportation Department to increase the Transportation Fee from \$3.50/hour to an amount not to exceed \$5/hour.”

Respectfully Submitted,

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In Witness thereof, I hereby certify the Student Senate of the University of North Texas Student Government Association has approved this document and is referred to the office of the President.



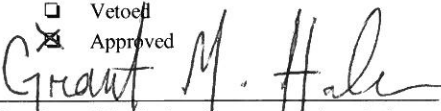
Speaker of the Senate

10/20/2016

Date

Presidential Action:

- Vetoed
 Approved



President of the Student Government Association

11/11/2016

Date

Vice President of Student Affairs

Date



Vice President for Student Affairs

February 24, 2017

Dear Barrett:

Thank you for your patience as I reviewed and signed SGA's fall legislation. You will notice there are a couple of pieces of legislation I have not signed. The reasons for this are outlined below:

F2016-B2 – Transportation Fee Increase Referendum

As we have discussed, this increase was not supported by the Vice President for Financial and Administration in large part because it was not needed. The Transportation office has undergone quite a bit of change in the last year and before we pursue a fee increase, we owe it to our students to adjust to these changes and better understanding what is truly needed.

F2016-B3 – Carbon Neutrality Fee Referendum

Similar to above, the implementation of this fee was not needed at this time. We were able to accomplish the goal of the legislation for much less than what was requested with existing funds. The partnership with the We Mean Green Fund helped us accomplish this, along with support from the university. Additionally, given the legislative climate it would have not been in the best interest of the university to pursue a new fee.

I would be remiss if I did not also ask that when SGA pursues the implementation of a new fee (or even an increase), senators include the administration in your planning and discussions. When we are involved in the process, in some instances we can meet the needs and desires of students without transferring the financial burden to students.

Although I signed *F2016-R1 – Pets on Campus Resolution*, I want to note that my signature is acknowledgment that I will ask Housing to consider this option. Ultimately, it will be up to them to weigh the positive and negative impacts of more pets on campus.

As for the other pieces of legislation, I will be sure to speak with the appropriate staff to ensure they understand the needs of SGA and encourage further research on the feasibility of suggestions. Thank you for the work SGA put towards the undergraduate student body last fall. I look forward to what you accomplish this spring.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink, which appears to read "Elizabeth With".

Elizabeth With, Ed.D.

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