A Resolution Regarding Parking Vouchers for Ramsey Employees

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WHEREAS, Recreational Sports student employees begin their shift to open the Ramsey Student Center at 4:45 AM; and,

WHEREAS, students employed by other campus departments do not have shifts starting before 7:00 AM after the buses start running and various forms of safe transportation are available; and,

WHEREAS, students feel unsafe to navigate campus at in the early morning hours (4:45 AM) from their campus parking spot or housing; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Georgia bus system has four buses which run to the Ramsey Student Center in the morning: East West, Orbit, Ag Hill, and East Campus Express. The earliest of these is Orbit at 6:00 AM;¹ and,

WHEREAS, student employees who are scheduled at the Ramsey Student Center before 6:00 AM need a safe an alternative transportation method;² and,

WHEREAS, in a survey of 324 Recreational Sports student employees, out of 550 total Recreational Sports student employees, only 25.79% who work the opening shift at the Ramsey Student Center are permitted to park in E04 or a nearby lot. Due to these circumstances, 47.80% of surveyed Recreational Sports student employees work the opening shift at Ramsey pay to park in the E04 Deck;³ and,

¹ “Bus Routes.” Bus Routes | UGA Transportation and Parking Services, The University of Georgia, tps.uga.edu/bus.
² “Facility Hours and Daily Schedules.” Facility Hours and Daily Schedules | Recreational Sports, The University of Georgia, recsports.uga.edu/content_page/daily-facility-schedule.
³ Felt, E. Anderson. “Student Staff Survey.” Qualtrics, The University of Georgia Recreational Sports, 25 Feb. 2019, drive.google.com/file/d/1Tj5d1B3tC7dlqbe0xV7HFW571QX6_vHj/view?usp=sharing.
WHEREAS, 45.45% surveyed Recreational Sports student employees work the opening shift at Ramsey three or more times a month, with their shifts ending after the deck opens; causing students to spend up to the entire first hour of their paycheck on parking; and,

WHEREAS, Parking Services offers various departments the ability to buy parking vouchers for their employees.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the 31st administration of the Student Government Association, will, on behalf of the student body, urges Recreational Sports to buy parking vouchers for their employees who do not have safe transportation before 6 AM for the Ramsey Student Center.

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