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PARKING FEES AT CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGE
June 25, 1971

Effective the spring semester of 1971-72 the Board of Trustees authorizes inclusion of the following parking fees in the fees payable by all registered students at Central Connecticut State College:

- Day College: $15 per student per semester
- Evening College: $11 per student per semester
- Summer Session: $11 per student

Further, the Board authorizes the college to establish parking priorities for those who pay including the establishment of reserved parking areas.
The draft of the letter going to the Fiscal Policy Committee concerning the parking fee situation at Central seems o.k. to me.

Since you allude therein to the degree of understanding of support the students at Central seem to have with reference to the flat parking fee charged and also the fees charged to support dormitories and student unions, I have suggested to Dr. Clow that he may wish to make a suggestion or two to you.

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J. Eugene Smith
Executive Secretary
August 6, 1971

TO: Dr. Eugene Smith
Dr. Cletus Clow
Dr. W. R. Bokelman

Here is a draft of a letter going to the Fiscal Policy Committee concerning the parking fee situation. If you have any suggestions for changes, please get them back to me as soon as possible.

WGH: pk
July 29, 1971

Dr. Cletus Clow
Dean of Administrative Affairs
Central Connecticut State Colleges
1615 Stanley Street
New Britain, Connecticut 06050

Dear Dr. Clow:

Here is a copy of the letter from Chancellor Hill stating the position of the CHE as he understood it at their last meeting on July 22.

Our meeting with Dr. Hill is on Wednesday, August 4 at 11:15 A. M. in Warren's office.

Sincerely,

J. Eugene Smith
Executive Secretary
TO: J. Eugene Smith, Executive Secretary  
Board of Trustees for State Colleges  

FROM: Warren G. Hill, Chancellor for  
Higher Education  

SUBJECT: Parking fees at  
Central Connecticut State College

As you know, a request from the Board of Trustees for State Colleges for favorable action on a resolution to approve a schedule of parking fees at Central Connecticut State College to provide the debt service funds for a parking garage was presented through the Fiscal Policy Committee to the Commission for Higher Education at its regular meeting on July 22. This request was tabled after it became apparent that agreement could not be reached and after your indication that a delay could be accommodated.

The members of the Commission were acquainted with the history of the parking facility at Central and the action taken by the past legislative session which forbids the assessment of a parking charge for parking by state employees on state property.

The main objection raised against the resolution was the proposal to assess a parking fee against all students, non-users as well as users. Although the Commission members were informed of a similar financing pattern followed at the State Colleges and the University of Connecticut in financing the debt service on auxiliary services buildings, they felt that that was an unfortunate expedient which should not necessarily be followed. Preference was indicated for a financing plan which required that a separate parking fee be charged of all users, presumably on a semester or term period rather than on an individual use.

The amount required above this projected sum to be secured from student users then could be raised by increasing the general fee or by setting a special fee that would be charged all students.
Questions were not raised about charges proposed to be assessed against evening college and summer session students.

The Commission indicated that it would be receptive to a resolution at its next meeting, now scheduled for September 7, 1971, that had been enacted by the State College Board or would be acceptable to it and that incorporated the separate parking fee for the user and the general fee against all students to provide the balance needed.

I will be available to discuss this matter with you in order that a plan can be developed that will be acceptable to your Board and to the Commission.
July 2, 1971

Chancellor Warren G. Hill
Commission for Higher Education
340 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06115

Dear Chancellor Hill:

Attached is a copy of a resolution concerning parking fees at Central Connecticut State College, that was adopted by the Board of Trustees for State Colleges at a special meeting on June 25, 1971.

Will you please submit this action to the Commission for Higher Education at the next meeting for their ratification.

Sincerely,

W. F. Croft
Associate Executive Secretary

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July 22, 1971

Dr. F. Don James, President
Central Connecticut State College
New Britain, Connecticut

Dear Dr. James:

We have requested and received from the Board of Trustees a copy of the resolution pertaining to proposed charges for parking facilities at the college to become effective in the spring of 1972.

Since reservation of spaces for administrators and sections for staff could be accomplished by administrative designation without any collection of funds, we fail to see how such charges serve any useful purpose.

Even if funds for administrative spaces could be accepted rather than assessed within the letter of the law, the collection of such funds would certainly circumvent the spirit of the law.

Before any final decision is made, we would ask that the effect on the total educational community be considered. The legislature which holds the future of all public education in its hands would certainly be unfavorably disposed toward commitment of funds to post secondary institutions if the spirit of a recent statute is circumvented.

Sincerely,

Frank J. Ciarleglio
Staff Representative

FJC:sp
TO: Members of the Fiscal Policy Committee
FROM: Warren G. Hill
SUBJECT: The Parking Fee Structure at Central Connecticut State College

In keeping with the Commission's action on July 22, I have met with Dr. Smith and Dr. Cletus Clow, Dean of Administrative Affairs of Central Connecticut State College, concerning the proposed parking fee structure. In response to my earlier call to them, the college prepared three alternate plans which might possibly replace the proposal presented to the Commission on July 22 with the formal approval of the Board of Trustees. I am attaching a copy of the description provided for the three plans as well as five statements provided by Dr. Clow which point out some of the difficulties concerning their plans.

Bob McCormick, President of the Student Body at Central, called me and set forth in considerable detail the students' reaction to this entire matter. It appears that the college proposal was worked out between the administration and the entire college community and Mr. McCormick assures me that the students are in full support of the flat fee proposal that was made.

After examining all of these plans and the conditions which surround them, I believe the Fiscal Policy Committee should recommend to the Commission that approval be given the original flat fee proposal presented to us in July. The hour on this one is very late and the fact that there is complete agreement on the second part of the Commission's action; i.e., to study the matter of parking fees for the entire system and to come back with recommended guidelines, permits the kind of objective and serious deliberation that this matter deserves.
I took the occasion to discuss with Mr. McCormick the matter of fees being charged all students to support dormitory and other "self-supporting" facilities and found that there is widespread support for this approach, also. Apparently, the college has done a good job of keeping the students informed about the financial needs in these areas and enlisted their support in arriving at solutions. The $50.00 increase in the student fee which we approved in April or May probably, because it did involve student leaders to a large extent, established the groundwork for their acceptance of the $15.00 parking fee.

Dr. Smith and Dr. Clow both agree that the Commission's concern for rationality in this matter is commendable and support fully the concept of examining this with real care.

I am also attaching for your information a copy of a letter from the CSEA to President James dated July 22, which will be of interest to you. This is one more complicating factor, but one on which I feel they have possibly less grounds than was their case with the Legislature.

If you have any questions concerning this or any other plans which were proposed, please call me.

WGH:pk
Attachments
Central Connecticut State College
Parking Fee
(Effective--Spring Semester of 1971-72 Academic Year)

Plan A

Day College--
1. All students pay $10 per semester at time of registration.
2. User's fee of $12 per semester collected when automobile is registered at College.

Evening College--
1. All students pay $11 per semester at time of registration.

Summer Session--
1. All students pay $11 at time of registration.

Plan B

Day College--
1. All students pay $8 per semester at time of registration.
2. User's fee of $17 per semester collected when automobile is registered at College.

Evening College--
1. All students pay $11 per semester at time of registration.

Summer Session--
1. All students pay $11 at time of registration.

Plan C

Day College--
1. All students pay $5 per semester at time of registration.
2. User's fee of $22 per semester is collected when automobile is registered at College.

Evening College--
1. All students pay $11 per semester at time of registration.

Summer Session--
1. All students pay $11 at time of registration.

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Inherent Problems in Plans A, B, and C

1. Difficult to anticipate income due to uncertainty of income from users.

2. Difficult to control parking of unregistered cars since campus is visited by hundreds each week and many of our facilities are used for community-college sponsored activities. The only effective control is immediate towing of unregistered cars parked on the campus.

3. In order to avoid paying a user's fee, students will continue to park on city streets and create a further deterioration of the relationship between the College and the community.

4. Application of a user's fee, most of which will be collected after the student arrives on campus, is conducive to creating student unrest. Militant students will use this type of fee as an opportunity to create disturbances such as a "park-in" of 200 or 300 unregistered student cars.

5. A differential between a user's fee and the College General Fee has long-range implications for the present method of financing of all self-liquidating projects. Once this user's concept is applied, the next movement will be to separate user's fees for self-liquidating projects from the present fee structure. It will be impossible to meet current bond indebtedness by a user's fee and it is very unlikely the General Assembly will assume this obligation.

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RESOLVED that the Commission for Higher Education, subject to its responsibilities contained in Section 10-116 of the 1969 Supplement to the General Statutes, approves the request of the Board of Trustees for State Colleges, as supported by the Student Government of the college, to establish the following parking fees to be paid by all registered students at Central Connecticut State College effective the spring semester of 1971-72:

- Day College $15 per student per semester
- Evening College $11 per student per semester
- Summer Session $11 per student

Further, to establish parking priorities for those who pay, including the establishment of reserved parking areas.

Further, that the staff of the Commission for Higher Education make a study of the provision for parking in the higher education system and recommend patterns of providing for it at the various units.

Warren G. Hill, Chancellor
Commission for Higher Education

9/7/71