

Resolution of the Faculty Assembly of the College of William &
Mary
Passed 22 April 2003

- 1) Whereas the College is planning to build a parking deck at a cost of \$10.8 million;
- 2) Whereas the College has already drastically raised parking fees to pay for this construction and plans further such drastic raises in the future;
- 3) Whereas parking fees will have at least quadrupled once the planned increases are complete;
- 4) Whereas the College is planning to reconfigure the Zable stadium parking lot in a manner that will eliminate 100 parking spaces;
- 5) Whereas the College has, over the past ten years, eliminated about 100 parking spaces largely for aesthetic reasons;
- 6) Whereas the College is planning to construct a new business school on the Common Glory parking lot, thereby eliminating 318 parking spaces, without any provision in project funds for the replacement of these spaces;
- 7) Whereas, in light of the actual and planned destruction of parking spaces mentioned above, the proposed parking deck will, despite a quadrupling of parking fees, provide no net increase in parking spaces;
- 8) Whereas the parking study undertaken in 1999 was seriously flawed at the time, is at any rate outdated, and provides an inadequate basis for evaluating the current or future demand for parking on campus;

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Faculty Assembly of the College of William and Mary,

1. The Faculty Assembly urges the College to adopt the following principles:
 - a. That the College should not embark on projects that eliminate parking spaces without devoting sufficient resources to the project to defray the cost of replacing any such eliminated spaces.

b. That the College should use parking fees and fines for the sole purpose of defraying expenses directly related to parking.

c. That any increase in parking fees and fines should be devoted only to projects that result in a net increase in the number of parking spaces available to students, faculty, and staff

2.The Faculty Assembly urges the College to take the following actions:

a. To commission a new and accurate parking study;

b. To defer construction on the parking deck until arrangements consistent with the above principles can be made to pay for the deck, and a new parking study can be completed;

c. To consider less expensive alternatives to constructing a parking deck, such as the use of remote lots, the purchase of nearby land, and the elimination of storage containers from parking lots, and to explore alternative means of managing demand.

d. To defer construction on the parking deck until a fee structure has been agreed upon and publicized to the college community.

e. To adopt, for this and future construction projects, a more open decision process that will allow faculty, staff, student, and community consultation before final plans are presented.

f. To avoid imposing on the faculty and staff the cost of accommodating increased resident student demand for parking.

