Resolution Number: RS20-393
March, 2020

Whereas:
RATIONALE: The City of San Francisco is enforcing a 25% parking tax at San Francisco State University. The Academic Senate would like to provide recommendations on how best to implement the 25% tax.

Whereas:
the administration of San Francisco State University has opposed the city of San Francisco?s 25% parking tax on behalf of its students, faculty, & staff; and

Whereas:
in June of 2019, California?s Supreme Court ruled that San Francisco State University must collect and remit the city of San Francisco?s 25% parking tax in a timely manner; and

Whereas:
the tax is on drivers who park in SFSU?s parking facilities and not on the university?s parking program; and

Whereas:
the 25% tax would increase the current daily parking fee from $8 per day to $10 per day; and

Whereas:
negotiations between San Francisco State University and the city of San Francisco have delayed the implementation start date for this tax from February 1st of 2020 to June 1st of 2020; and

Whereas:
the university parking program, a self-support program at San Francisco State University, has enough money in reserves to offset the cost of implementing the 25% tax over a longer period of time; and

Whereas:
the Associated Students governing board has passed a resolution opposing the 25% parking tax with robust support from the student body as evidenced by the testimonials on their website; therefore be it
Resolved:
that on behalf of the students, faculty, & staff, the Academic Senate of San Francisco State University thank the administrators, faculty, staff, and students who stood firm against the city of San Francisco’s 25% parking tax—particularly Vice President of University Enterprises Jason Porth, Interim Vice President of Administration & Finance and Chief Financial Officer Jeff Wilson, President Mahoney’s Chief-of-Staff Noriko Lim-Tepper, and the Associated Students governing board; and be it further,

Resolved:
that the Academic Senate recommends a plan to phase in the 25% parking tax over a period of 5 years for students beginning June 1st 2020; and be it further.

Resolved:
that the Academic Senate recommends increasing the parking fees for MPPs in administrator classifications III & IV by 50% to subsidize the fees being paid by our students effective June 1st of 2020; and be it further.

Resolved:
that the Academic Senate agrees with and supports the Associated Students resolution in opposition of the city and county of San Francisco’s parking tax; and be it further,

Resolved:
that this resolution be distributed to the President and Vice Presidents of San Francisco State University, the director of the university parking program, the Associated Students governing board, the President of the California Faculty Association’s San Francisco chapter, the President of the California State University Employee Union’s San Francisco Chapter, and the Office of the Mayor of the City of San Francisco.