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WHEREAS "The safety and well-being of our students, staff, faculty and visitors are of the utmost importance and at the forefront of what we do on a daily basis. The University of North Texas works persistently to reduce the risk and potential for crime and other hazardous situations." (source: http://clery.unt.edu/);

WHEREAS many graduate students live within reasonable walking distance of campus but occasionally desire to visit their office during late hours;

WHEREAS from 2013-2015 there have been an average of one rape, one robbery, and six aggravated assaults reported per year that took place on or adjacent to campus but not in the on-campus residential facilities (source: http://clery.unt.edu/), and this report does not include any instances that occurred between the edge of campus and the nearby apartments and housing from which many students walk;

WHEREAS Parking and Transportation Services has been unable to provide a reasoned estimation of the contribution to costs made by after 10pm parking, and this contribution is seemingly negligible;

WHEREAS the new requirement to possess a UNT parking pass in order to park on campus after 10pm creates a financial incentive for our students to walk through potentially dangerous areas;

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the ability to park without a pass in all permit-based lots between 9:30pm and 7:00am should be reinstated.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED THAT this ability to park be limited to graduate students with a special permit specifically for this purpose.

Respectfully Submitted,

Senators Sindhu Alla, Michael Cotton, and Karla Villarreal

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

Parliamentarian

Date

Presidential Action:

☐ Vetoed