

MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE OF MUSIC
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TO: UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON FACULTY AFFAIRS; ALL-UNIVERSITY TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE; STEERING COMMITTEE
FROM: THE FACULTY OF THE COLLEGE OF MUSIC
RE: PROPOSED RESTRUCTURING OF CAMPUS PARKING

The faculty of the College of Music recognizes that campus planners and university administrators have dedicated substantial effort to the 2020 master plan, which promises to transform the appearance and usage of the Michigan State campus. We believe that much is at stake for the students, faculty, and patrons of the College of Music in the planned restructuring of campus parking. We foresee potentially significant effects on productivity, concert attendance, fundraising, and even the essential operation of curricular events in the College. Given our particular interest, we respectfully request an opportunity to meet with campus planners, raise questions, and express our concerns, which include the following:

1. *Productivity.* Two central features of the master plan are the removal of surface parking and the implementation of a park-and-ride system from satellite lots. Many of us come and go several times per day to observe student teachers, conduct outreach, and perform. Some of these trips on and off campus extend into the evening, when most student degree recitals take place. We worry that the longer commutes would add up and hamper our ability to be productive.

2. *Nighttime Concerts.* Understanding that the parking ramp next to the Computer Center is to be demolished, we wonder how many of the other surface parking spaces in the vicinity of the Music Building and West Circle Drive will be removed. In the current parking configuration, concerts in the Music Auditorium—especially those on Friday evenings—are difficult to attend due to the unavailability of nearby parking. We worry that a further reduction of available parking would make the facility unusable at certain times of the week, even in spite of the university's significant commitment to renovating the Music Auditorium.

3. *Concerts at Fairchild Theatre and University Auditorium.* We would like to discuss the importance of erecting a new multi-level parking structure in the vicinity of the Fairchild Theatre, a venue in which the university has made a multi-million-dollar investment. Shuttle buses from satellite lots would struggle to handle the sudden rush of many hundreds of patrons before and after each regular concert. We anticipate that the additional hassle would turn away many of our patrons, reducing our concert attendance and thereby our fundraising abilities.

In short, we see campus parking as an issue that impacts our mission as a College. As a faculty, we invite campus planners to attend a meeting of either the full faculty of the College of Music or the elected members of its Advisory Committee. We would be grateful for the opportunity to clarify our understanding of the parking plan and to express our concerns more fully as part of a productive dialogue.

Sincerely,
The Faculty of the College of Music

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