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Dear Clinical Level Students,

First of all, I want to introduce myself to you as your new Associate Dean of Students. I am so excited to be here at Larner COM and am very much looking forward to meeting you all and leaning into the wisdom that you bring to the table as senior students.

Dr. Rosen and I have heard from your student representatives, Vihn Le and Elise Prehoda about the parking issues related of construction on campus and the extra stress this has placed on your clinical duties. As an outsider coming in, I can assure you that I agree—parking at UVM is a complex system that is very challenging to navigate. Drs. Rosen and McNamara have been working on eliciting the details and advocating on your behalf. Earlier this week we met with several representatives from the transportation department to trouble shoot. Here is what we now know:

- There has been a required increase in the number of handicapped spots that has created more pressure on the available parking spaces causing the **Beaumont lot** to fill up more quickly. The handicapped spots from the Firestone Building were displaced by construction, and were moved to the Beaumont Lot. This is not something that is discretionary – the parking people are following very strict accessibility rules.
- **THE GOOD NEWS** is that this is a temporary situation. The handicap spots will soon (possibly end of August) be returned to Firestone and the Beaumont lot will return to its former state and not be an issue.
- In the meantime, the **yellow pass** allows students to park in the **Jeffords lot**. This is premium UVM parking for which faculty have to be on a waitlist for 10 years before becoming eligible. **Yellow pass-holders are under no obligation to search the Beaumont lot first, and if they may proceed directly to the Jeffords lot to park if they wish.** Parking has not oversold yellow passes. According to them, they have issued the same number of yellow passes as always. Students can certainly return their yellow passes and be refunded on a prorated basis.
- Finally, and this I'm sure these are already well known, but the sustainability representative wishes us to make sure students are aware of all the [commuting options](#).

We realize that there is no immediate satisfying solution but hopefully this lets you know your options and the root causes of this problem.

I want to thank Elise and Vihn for their strong advocacy on your behalf. I am delighted to work in a setting where students work collaboratively with the administration.

I look forward to meeting you all and getting to know you. Please feel free to stop by and say hello.

Most Respectfully,

Karen George, MD, MPH  
Associate Dean of Students

