

Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2012
4:00 P.M., HPA 1, Room 304

Committee Members:

Present: Cory Watkins (Chair), Boris Zeldovich, Amit Joshi, Ven Basco, Karl Chai, Reid Oetjen, Judith Monroe, Faissal Moslehy, Patricia Weinstein

Quorum: Yes

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 4:05 PM by Chair Cory Watkins

Minutes from 1/25/12 meeting approved

We reviewed old agenda items which led us back to the discussion surrounding the Weekend Shuttle Program which provides service to the Lake Nona campus. The service has and is being pilot tested for weekend service for the Spring 2012 term. The data to this point overwhelmingly indicates low ridership and per a unanimous vote in the University Parking and Transportation Committee meeting on April 6, 2012 the service will be recommended to be discontinued.

The committee then discussed our efforts to collect information on a bike sharing program spearheaded by Mary Leticee. It was determined that we will continue to research this topic and see if indeed UCF is well suited for such a service. We then moved to new business.

The topic of new business focused on Dr. Reid Oetjen's car pooling proposal. It reads as follows. On behalf of the Faculty Senate Parking Committee at the University of Central Florida to further efforts to create a more sustainable campus by reducing traffic and parking needs, the Faculty Senate Parking Committee proposes the development of a carpool program.

In order to promote the practice of carpooling, the committee proposes the following:

1. Equalize the cost of a parking hangtag to that of the corresponding sticker.
2. Create carpool spaces in each parking lot and garage to incentive the campus community to carpool.

Rather than creating a new classification of parking passes, this plan would allow any two (or more) holders of a parking permit to carpool and park in special spaces. By virtue of having a portable hang tag, two parking pass holders would place both of their parking hangtags on the dashboard of the car and would thus be able to park in a "carpool" space.

Plan Safeguards:

1. This plan eliminates the need police/enforce the use of a special permit as it requires two passholders to place their parking permits on the dashboard of one car, thus eliminating the possibility that they are parking a second car on campus.

2. The plan is cost neutral as there is no fee reduction for these passes – the only incentive is for the special spot which could be in a preferable location, in addition to increasing one's parking options.

The carpool program is open to all UCF staff, faculty, and students who have a vehicle and live off-campus. In addition to saving money, cutting emissions, and reducing wear on your vehicle, UCF carpoolers would gain access to designated spaces in each lot.

This stimulated conversation regarding the issue of sticker versus hang tag fees and that perhaps the car pool proposal might be integrated into a proposal aiming to equalize the price of the two types of parking passes. This, it seems is a feasible idea given the nature of the car pool proposal. It was then decided to table this proposal as Dr. Oetjen and Dr. Watkins will work together to further these efforts. Along these lines, discussion ensued around the development of a survey to get some data to better understand the desire for a carpooling program.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM
Minutes submitted by Cory Watkins