

**FACULTY SENATE PARKING, TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Monday, January 8, 2018

College of Sciences Conference Room 221

11:30 – 12:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Attendees:**

Sai Deng, Nyla Dil (phone) Xin He, Mike Nalley, Jennifer Mundale, Shuo “Sean” Pang, Susan Quelly, Min Tong, Stacy Van Horn (phone), Chris Velissaris, Natasha Jones, Ahmad Elshennawy

**Guests:**

Tony Chronister for Richard Beary, Kris Singh

1. Meeting called to order at 11:32 am

Vote on approval of minutes from 12/2017 meeting

- Minutes approved

**Agenda Items:**

1. Traffic Lights
  - a. Chris Velissaris presented this agenda item and expressed concern about need for more regulations on campus for drivers turning right with students/pedestrians walking. He was referring mainly to the traffic lights at the intersection of Libra Drive and Gemini.
  - b. Many drivers at several campus locations are turning right on red without stopping to ensure that it is safe to turn – not being enforced by police
  - c. Need for protected pedestrian/student crossing at some traffic lights on campus
  - d. Officer Tony Chronister reported that there was a power cord issue at this traffic intersection. UCF Police contacted the contractor and the problem is now fixed. Orange County Traffic Management took over this safety issue as of previous week.
  - e. Mr. Chronister also reported that pedestrian buttons will be installed in the future; will take a few months and hopefully will be operational before summer term.

**Action Item:** No action is needed at this time.

2. Graduation Traffic/No Access to Scorpius to HPAI, HPAII, and UCF Global
  - a. Agreement among committee members that access to parking and driving to and from certain parking lots on campus is very difficult during graduation ceremonies and interferes with normal university business.
  - b. Need for an improved plan to solve the traffic/parking problems that occur on graduation days on UCF main campus.
  - c. Officer Chronister reported that UCF Police faces a huge responsibility at graduation times.
  - d. Ahmad commended the efforts that UCF Police is doing at such events.
  - e. Officer Chronister also reported that it is easier to the police if faculty display their decals or hang tags. They will be directed accordingly to those parking lots.
  - f. Mr. Chronister solicited suggestions for improvement from committee members and faculty!
  - g. Chris questioned the access from HPA1 to the other side. It was reported that bus routes will change to provide more flexibility and less congestion.

**Action Item:** No action is needed at this time.

3. Golf Carts:
  - a. Discussion came up again about the issue of golf carts.
  - b. It was suggested that golf carts have limited access in certain areas.
  - c. There is a need to develop policies and procedures for driving golf carts around campus.
  - d. Will email Montel Watson to attend February meeting to address this issue.

**Action Item:** This golf cart concern was tabled until the next meeting.

4. Pedestrian Safety:
  - a. Susan presented the issue of pedestrian safety for discussion
  - b. Officer Chronister mentioned that UCF Police is trying to work with Orange County to establish pedestrian cross-roads and bicycle routes around campus.
  - c. Cross walks to be established away from traffic lights, e.g. by the softball stadium.

**Action Item:** This pedestrian safety concern was tabled until the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 12, 2018 at 11:30 am.

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 pm.