

Faculty Senate Parking Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2011
12:00 P.M., HPA 1, Room 304

Committee Members:

Present: Cory Watkins (Chair), Randall Hewitt, Amit Joshi, Ven Basco, Karl Chai, Marie Leticee, Reid Oetjen, Judith Monroe, Faissal Moslehy

Absent: Boris Zeldovich, Patricia Weinstein, Mary Jo Ross

Quorum: Yes

Others Present:

Student Government Vice President – Adam Brock

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 12:05 PM by Chair Cory Watkins

Minutes from 9/13/11 meeting approved

Welcomed Adam Brock from Student Government and provided him with the floor to discuss student issues with parking and transportation. Per the information provided by Mr. Brock, the committee discussed the problems that students encounter with purchasing parking passes before financial aid or Bright Futures funding is received. A 3 semester pass ends August 31 (academic year) and then student funding usually not received until September 28 (academic year – 4 weeks after classes resume). This creates a problem for students as parking services typically offers a two week grace period which results in citations being delivered during the last two weeks of September. The committee made some suggestions as to perhaps issuing temporary passes for that month whereby the fee associated with this pass could then be rolled into the fee for the 3 semester pass. Another option could be to request that parking services be more lenient for this 4 week period. This issue has been tabled and will be reconsidered at our next meeting.

A discussion then ensued that focused on the development of “Sustainable Parking and Transportation Solutions”. The remainder of the meeting revolved around discussions on exploring ways to reduce cars on campus, by examining a bike sharing program, examining a ride share (HOV) program for faculty, staff, and students, and increasing the use of shuttle service by faculty, staff, and students. This resulted in a motion being put forth and seconded to research this issue, work with student government, and bring the committee’s findings to the University Parking and Transportation Committee Meeting scheduled for October 28th at 9:00 am.

Conclusion: Watkins thanked guests, assembled informal subcommittees to compile information to be presented at the University level meeting, and encouraged committee members to notify him of any parking and transportation issues that should be addressed at future meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM

Minutes submitted by Cory Watkins