

Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee Minutes
Meeting of March 20th, 2012
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
J.R. Howard Hall, Rm 302

Attending: Johnny Weigel, Michel George, Marilyn Sbardellati, Ian Gadberry, Amy Dovorak, Tyler Jantzen, Seneca Gray, Tim O'Dwyer, David Kelly, Julio Iniguez, Juleen Norling, Robin Aubrey, Jennifer Holley, Damian Miller, Curt Luttrell (for Lisa Pogue)

Absent: Freddy Vilches, Michael Ford, Sherron Stonecypher, Jason Feiner

1. Minutes of Meeting for February 21st, 2012

Correction made to misspelled names of committee members.

2. Grad Campus Parking Update

A new parking lot at the Graduate School has been approved for construction, which will add 33 parking stalls. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin at the beginning of May 2012, pending the approval of necessary permits.

Additionally, during spring break of this semester, the entire Graduate School parking lot will be repaved. The parking lot will be closed off to motor vehicles during the repaving process.

3. TriMet Service Update

Johnny Weigel discussed potential changes proposed by TriMet. Initially, fares were scheduled to increase, and routes on bus lines 38 and 39 removed, beginning September 1, 2012. Currently, the routes will remain as is, however, fares will still increase. Damian Miller commented on the fare increase, and how it might encourage more people to drive cars, because for some people it will be cheaper to drive rather than use TriMet.

4. Evening Passes Update

At previous TPAC meetings, the idea of an evening specific parking pass was discussed. The committee agreed this is something worth investigating. Marilyn analyzed sample data from the Law School, looking at the number of people buying evening parking passes from the Ventek machine during this school year. The data, based on Ventek permit sales, indicated 18 people who may potentially purchase an evening semester pass. These are people who purchase passes at least three times a week.

Damian commented that surveying the Graduate school for evening parking data could be another good place to gather information. Additionally, Damian was in favor of increasing the price of the "proposed" evening parking passes to offset any potential revenue loss, if we decided to offer this new type of pass.

Juleen Norling felt graduate students would be less inclined to buy an evening semester parking pass because a large number of students arrive at campus early, between 1-2pm.

Michel George suggested that the committee think about including, or not including, an evening parking pass next school year, and to bring ideas for discussion at the next TPAC committee meeting.

5. Discussion

Tyler Jantzen brought to the attention of the committee a couple of different transportation concerns discussed at the most recent Student Senate meeting. First, students asked about the environmental impact of running a larger shuttle bus, for a longer period of time during this school year. Ian Gadberry and Amy Dovorak explained our shuttle service runs on 100% recycled bio diesel fuel; however emissions are still present with this type of fuel. If Tyler wants more information about vehicle specifics to present at a future Senate meeting, Amy can provide more details.

Second, students voiced concern about a specific Pioneer Shuttle bus driver. There have been numerous incidents between this driver and students, as reported by Tyler and others. The Office of Transportation & Parking has also fielded complaints about this driver as well, and is currently investigating this situation with the shuttle company provider.

Johnny Weigel concluded the meeting at 12:47pm.

Next TPAC Meeting:
April, 20th 2012
12:15pm – 1:00pm
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