

UHCL PARKING AND TRAFFIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE

Minutes - Tuesday, September 28, 2021

10 – 11 am, ZOOM

New Chair, Dr. Soma Datta, welcomed past and new members; introductions were made. Randy Seevers announced his term ends today; name of replacement will be provided by University Life once faculty is selected.

A. Approval of past minutes April 27, 2021. Minutes were unanimously approved.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Revised Membership Proposal:

- Combine Support Staff Association and Professional and Administrative Staff representation into two University Staff Association representatives, not one primary and one alternate but two full members; one professional staff representative and one support staff representative. Those organizations dissolved but still represent two distinct groups, and USA now represents all.
- Disability Coordinator is now the Director, Accessibility Support Center (or designate)
- Director of Parking and Transportation added as Co-Chair
- Add Student Affairs Representative

Motion was made to approve the proposed membership changes in one combined vote. **Members present unanimously approved-Chair will present recommendation to FSSC.**

2. Increasing the Parking Fee for Students and Staff

Harry Glass explained the university needs to come up with a parking solution in consideration of the STEM II building approval. Any recommendation will be presented to the Student Advisory Council and the Parking and Traffic Subcommittee, once approved, the recommendation will go to FSSC and then on to UHS for final approval. Adding the STEM II will eliminate 1/3 of lot B, forcing more staff to park in lot D. Lot D is already too small for our campus, we need to consider building a parking garage.

- He shared the approximate annual debt service for a parking garage will be \$50 K (assuming a 20-year payback, on \$9 M construction costs to create a parking structure with 300 spaces) requires \$6-\$7 annual permit increase without any other cost increase in Parking / Transportation, but labor, vehicle maintenance, vehicle purchase, etc. are all going up as well. Expect 3 years to break ground due to funding.

- Garage would be located in Lot D student and staff area near cafeteria. The university will gain approximately 200 spaces.
- Increased parking through parking structures is only half the plan - we also need to increase ridership on our shuttles so we don't need to keep building parking structures - and that has a cost as well as we increase shuttles.
- The proposal is to go from \$87 annual to \$90 for FY2023 and \$93 in FY2024. Question was raised of assurance garage would be built after the fees were increased and monies raised and how the money would be used if not built.
- Garage plans are contained in current Master Plan. (Rebecca Huss-Keeler will send copy to place in TEAMS folder).

Members recommended tabling the item as it merits further discussion and requires Mark Denney, VP Administration and Finance be present.

Members stressed the importance of alerting faculty, staff and students of fee increases, building plans, for example, plans for additional garages, and timeframes. Service vehicles would need to move as well. A question was raised on how spaces are assigned, would there be a percentage of students and faculty; would one floor be students, etc. The option of using a lottery for space assignments was mentioned. All agreed emphasis must be on accommodating those with accessibility needs. In addition, members inquired on whether the planning was a long-term solution, why not a 400-space garage with a \$6/12 increase in fees. Comments were higher fees likely unacceptable to faculty/staff/student. The footprint and weight limits of garage was discussed and how laws will mandate construction.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 25, 2021, 10-11am (Zoom)

Meeting adjourned.
Charise Armstrong

FY2021 - FY2022 Parking and Transportation Committee Attendance Sheet

Meeting Date: 9/28/21 10am-11 am Zoom Link in

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