

Monthly TPC Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2024 | Meeting called to order by A.J. Prussin

In Attendance

A.J. Prussin, Carrie Cox, Diane Agud, Lydia Qualls, Nick Quint, LaTawnya Burleson, Kayla Dean, April Williams, Pam Tate, Brock Burroughs, Carrie Mayer, Christina Winkeler, Jonathan Bradley and Alan Munshower, Joseph Cooley

Guests-Stephanie Trout

New Business

Q.-Carpool Spaces

- Pamela Tate explained parking services has completed reviews of peer universities' carpool programs. It is proposed to keep daily passes; however, carpool signage would be removed to free up spaces on campus. Carrie Cox further explained that those spaces would be freed up for faculty and staff. The participants would continue to receive the daily passes which are a \$40.00 (semester) value in addition to the reduced permit cost. Additionally, student carpool spaces that would be freed up for student parking.
- Diane Agud asked about the removal of carpool spaces on Alumni Mall and wanted carpool spaces added to the North End Garage (NEG). Pam Tate said no carpool spaces on campus have been removed.
- Carrie Cox asked if carpool program would have more users if it was online (e.g., you did not have to come into the office). TPC members believed it would and asked why participants have to have two vehicles to participate (e.g., partners that share one vehicle are ineligible). Carrie Cox explained the rationale of the carpool spaces is to reduce the vehicles that come on campus, thus the two-car requirement.

Q.- Concerns Regarding North End Garage

- AJ Prussin stated that faculty had voiced some concerns at the garage. Stephanie Trout is addressing those concerns.
- Can we get leased spaces for Cooks Counseling in the Gilbert Garage for students?
 - Pam Tate explained that VT does not manage the Gilbert Street Garage, it is owned by the VT Foundation. Gilbert Street Garage is only for retail. Parking Services has asked Cooks Counseling to reach out to the VTF about leasing spaces. Students can only park on level 7 of the NEG and they must pull a ticket and pay as they leave.
- This summer Parking Services is looking at reconfiguring the levels, adding additional signage, and painting in the garage (so the levels are color coded).
- Stephanie Trout asked if about getting signs that lets the individual know if there are spaces available in the garage.
 - Pam Tate explained that those are not 100% accurate.
- Stephanie Trout said that compact car signs in the NEG would be helpful
 - There are compact car signs there now; however, individuals do not seem to follow them.

Q.-Parking in Squires Lot during Events

- Carrie Mayer asked to be alerted ahead of time when there is a career fair or symposium
 - Carrie Cox stated that event management are the ones who schedule events on campus. Parking Services can let you know if Squires Lot will be restricted in some way. Graham Smith does send out emails to individuals when there is event at/near Squires.
- Carrie Mayer said that a shuttle is needed for the events that are taking place at Squires so that participants can park at Chicken Hill lot.
 - Pam Tate said there is a shuttle for events. They can park at chicken hill and the shuttle takes them to the Squires.
- Carrie Cox said whoever is hosting events is responsible for letting participants know where they should park.
- Jonathan Bradley said that event participants have proper parking passes so they are going through the correct channels.
- Kayla Dean asked if Parking Services manages parkmobile
 - Pam Tate said it is a third-party vendor.
 - Carrie Cox said if someone sees any problem, get in touch with parking services with the problem.
 - TPC members indicated that individuals abusing parkmobile (e.g., students parking in F/S spaces).
 - AJ Prussin asked what is the benefit to parkmobile if there is abuse.
 - Pam Tate explained parkmobile is a more convenient way to park on campus as individuals do not need change for meters and don't have to pay for an entire day.
 - TPC Members stated that we may need a larger unauthorized citation for people abusing parkmobile (it is currently \$45.00).
 - It was recommended to consider this an "unauthorized use of permit" violation which is a \$200.00 fine.
 - Carrie Cox will look into this and report back.
- Diana Agud asked if we could have 2 hr. permits in addition to a daily permit.

Q.-Budget

- LaTawnya Burleson asked if the Parking Services' budget could be made public. Stakeholders asked for the information at the Staff Senate event. Carrie Cox will look into how to do this.

Q.-Discuss a proposal regarding a VT permit/pass for ADA spots.

- Parking Services received an email from Lydia about the ADA spots and if we could make parking free for certain ADA users.
 - Joseph Cooley said that there was not enough time to discuss this issue. He mentioned there are a number of ADA spots that are not lift accessible; however, if we start messing with those spaces, then we would reduce the total number of spaces.
 - Carrie Cox said that every individual pays for parking on campus. If we make an exception then it will become a larger issue.

Next Meeting

April 9, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., Zoom