

Transportation & Parking Committee

Tuesday, February 8th, 2022

12:30 PM- 1:30 PM

Via Zoom

In attendance: Diane Agud, Betty Anderson, Paul Avey, Jeri Baker, LaTawnya Burleson, Kirk Felton, Sandra Gabbert, Eric Martin, Jenny McCoy, Haley Michel, Polly Middleton, Nick Quint, Jaden Ringley, and Pamela Tate,

Excused: Kristin Link

1. Welcome and introductions

Co-chair Jenny McCoy called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees.

2. Approval of minutes from 1/11/22

A motion to accept the minutes of the November meeting was made by Diane Agud, seconded by Paul Avey, and approved by the group.

3. Proposal of restructure parking fees: LaTawnya Burleson

Employees making \$35,500 and below are given a \$500 supplement to help with parking permit fees or childcare fees. The CSPA has been working with various individuals about the possibilities of having a tier level for the supplement. Jeri states that this is not parking or the committees call, that it's actually the University's decisions and that parking will support whatever the University decides.

Q: How was that amount decided?

A: Parking takes 5 Years of data and send that to payroll; from there they come up with a number that will be beneficial and won't have a negative impact on employees. 400 staff members received the supplement last year 2021-2022.

Q: Will Graduates be included for the supplement if they are employed?

A: Parking follows what is put into Banner; if Banner has them listed as a graduate student then that's the permit they will get. Not saying that they will never receive any type of supplement, but that's not on the agenda right now.

Pam will reach out to other Universities and see what they are following.

Q: How will this affect the BBW and Carpool permit holders.

A: Most staff that get the benefit can't afford to live in Blacksburg, so they really won't have an effect from it.

Q: What is CSPA

A: Commission on Staff Policy and Affairs

4. Discussion of budget: Jeri Baker

There is a 2,000 spaces loss because of (due to) construction, so we are getting close to not having enough room to contain everyone that needs to park on campus. Parking is self-funded and will need to come up with the funds. The more individuals that purchase permits, the less surplus we have on campus unless we start building more lots or garages.

Q: Since parking is self-funded, can you fundraise for the funds?

A: We would have to get approval for that if it was possible.

Attached is a DRAFT budget Spreadsheet, with more detailed information about the current school year and upcoming school year. Again, please remember this is a Rough Draft and is subject to change.

Q: Why does the semester permit cost more than half the annual permit?

A: For administration price; processing the permit and needing two permits made vs the one made for annual. Spring permits include Summer semester. We also have a Summer Permit.

Q: Where does the funds come from for the Retiree permit and the 30-year F/S permit?

A: They are funded through Central Funds. They are considered a benefit to employees for dedication. Central pays Parking back for the full F/S amount and only \$15-\$20 back for the retiree permits. Retiree permits last 3 years.

Q: Can we offer a shuttle bus for the employees that work early hours?

A: Parking did a survey for a shuttle bus and less than 20% were interested in taking a shuttle. We also got a quote from Blacksburg Transit to start service at earlier hours. That's how the supplement for parking/childcare came to light.

5. Member topics for discussion

The 2022 Transportation Survey is now live. Please take it and get the word out.

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Meeting concluded by Jenny at 1:30 PM.