

Minutes
Commission on Staff Policies and Affairs
March 22, 2011 ~ 2:00 p.m. ~ 210 Burruss

Present: Judy Alford, Carolyne Dudding, Hal Irvin, Teresa Lyons, Wyatt Sasser, Richard Sorensen, Don Taylor, Judy Taylor, Sue Teel, Tom Tucker, Lisa Wilkes, Connie Wilkinson

Absent: Lubna Chowdhury, Amanda Grose, Robin McCall-Miller, Wanda Smith, Tom Wertalik

Guests: Steve Mouras, Director of Transportation and Campus Services

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. The agenda was approved as presented. The minutes from the last meeting on February 22, 2011 were approved electronically.

Parking Fees

Guest Speaker: Steve Mouras

Since the cost of parking continues to be a concern for most employees, Steve has been visiting with various governance bodies to discuss the issue. Parking permit rates are established during the normal budget process each year. The main reason rates have increased so much over the last several years is due to the cost of building the new Perry Street parking garage which was a 24 million dollar project. It requires 1.5 million dollars in new revenue each year to cover the expense. Revenue is collected in two areas – parking tickets and parking permits. Since revenue from parking tickets tends to remain about the same each year, it is necessary to raise the cost of parking permits to produce the needed revenue. In order to generate the new dollars needed for the parking garage, rates would have needed to be increased between 30 to 40 percent. Since this would be a huge burden on employees, the Budget Office met with Steve to go through the budget line by line to try and come up with a solution to cut expenses and bring in new revenue. They determined that the cost of giving free parking to 30-year employees is a huge expense to the parking auxiliary. Since this is considered an employee benefit and one that employees in all areas of the university receive, they decided that the expense should be shared by all auxiliaries. The Athletic Department will be providing a new source of revenue beginning next year. They will be paying Parking Services a parking space lease fee of \$3 per space during each football game. The fee will increase to \$4 the next year and \$5 for the next three subsequent years.

As a result of reducing the burden of the free parking expense and creating a new revenue source, Parking Services is proposing a 2 percent increase for faculty/staff parking permits, a 5 percent increase for commuter graduate student parking permits, and a 19 percent increase for resident student parking permits next year.

Staff Career Achievement Award Update

The award has been approved by University Council. It will be approved by Dr. Steger and then go to the Board of Visitors for approval.

Other Business and Announcements

- Sue Teel spoke with Kim O'Rourke regarding what would be the best way to convey CSPA's findings regarding the effectiveness of the use of the Blue Sheets. Kim suggested submitting an interoffice memo to Dr. Steger. Sue sent CSAP members a rough draft of a memo that she prepared and asked for members to provide feedback at the meeting. The only suggestion was to put the memo on university letterhead.
- Sue asked for members to be thinking about goals for next year. Everyone felt that it would be a good idea to try and establish the official goals at the April meeting so they will be ready to present to Dr. Steger when he is ready to meet with commission chairs.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m. The next meeting will be April 26, 2011 from 2:00-3:30 in 325 Burruss.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Ball
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