

Transportation & Parking Committee

January 14, 2010

Hahn North

Room 400

Members Present: Steve Mouras, Kathryn Dew, Elizabeth Diesel, Mike Martin (rotating faculty member), Spencer Joslin, Tom Wertalik, John Jelesko, Richard McCoy

Guest Attendees (g)/Substitute Members (s): Penny Mills (s)

Members Absent: Brandon Carroll, Greg Tew, Doug Nelson, Dennis Gehrt, Brianna Farr

Minutes Approved: Via Email XX

Meeting dates: Feb 18th, March 18th, April 15th – all in 400 Hahn Hall North

General Notes: Parking permits will rise approximately 52\$ for next year

Football Parking Agreement Discussion:

- We came to the consensus that the MOA is outdated & needs to be reviewed. The policy does not fall in line with all other auxiliary functions where as one entity utilizing another auxiliary space or service pays reasonable rates to use said space.
- As parking fees increase this MOA is also inequitable as it relates to Faculty, Staff & Students paying for permits. F/S & Students will be paying more for their permits as the parking garages are built, and maintenance & operating costs rise for Parking. This current moa does not allow for basic operating cost increases. This sets a standard that as costs increase it will be passed to those utilizing parking on campus except for Athletics during football season.
- The idea was brought forth to utilize a portion of incoming revenue from a new MOA to go to university services (library, safety, scholarships) to assist with support of university funding.

Reasons for Changing the MOA

- As more parking garages from the master plan are built this will increase permit costs over time. An alteration in the MOA will help to offset increases in permit costs over the long term & in the short term. Thus keeping permit costs for F/S & Students from increasing at an alarming rate.
- Continuity of Operations is important and in this instance the MOA falls outside of the standard operating procedures of Auxiliaries on campus.
- The agreement is 10 years old. This was partly agreed upon based on Athletics need to fully fund scholarships. However athletics no longer needs 85% of the revenue generated by parking fees for football to fully fund scholarships so the reasoning is also outdated.

- Fundamental economics based on age & overall size of university as well as inflation would dictate that there should be a basic operational cost increase over time. It was explained that Athletics did not want to increase permit costs to their donors based on a variety of other costs donors incur with regards to football. However, the simple fact that inflation & internal service costs have risen significantly over the last ten years means that the cost for parking to maintain transportation & parking services on campus have increased. Parking should not be given a back seat priority based on athletics interest in keeping donor costs low. Instead athletics should be taking care of those cost differentials internally & not penalizing parking for their (athletics) budgetary approach to donors.

Second Appeals

- We discussed 2nd appeals and have concerns over the length of time some members have been serving. We also were enlightened on the time & workload commitment for members. The discussion of having a pool of members to pull from would be a good way to approach staffing the 2nd appeals committee.
- In addition we will need to review & suggest any changes for the parking appeals hearing committee procedures. Specifically in regards to the free parking permit, who is responsible for scheduling the rotating members & a basic outline/guidelines on how it should be done.

Action Items

- Tom Wortalik – Sending guidelines to writing effective resolutions to committee members & setting up secondary meeting for some of us to work on the framework of the resolution to expedite the process.