

Transportation & Parking Committee

February 18, 2010

Hahn North

Room 400

Members Present: Steve Mouras, Kathryn Dew, Elizabeth Diesel, Dennis Gehrt, Brianna Farr, John Jelesko, Spencer Joslin

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

Members Absent: Brandon Carroll, Greg Tew, Doug Nelson

Minutes Approved: Via Email XX

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

Parking Resolution Discussion:

- We agreed to tone down some of the verbiage in the resolution to ensure that it's read as a mainstream document and not a fringe issue.
- The document is available on the link below for revisions.
- It is apparent that this resolution will not be run up the governance chain fully this year. However our goal is to have it to the commission on university support by the end of March.
- I've made adjustments to the resolution based on the discussion during the meeting. Please review before our next meeting.

Second Appeals Committee Discussion:

- It became apparent after reviewing the attached 2nd appeals committee background information & operation procedures that there are some issues that need to be addressed.
 - Term limits for members – similar to the structure of the T&P committee
 - Rotating committee chairs
 - Better communication to the 2nd appeals members as to who is scheduling and handling the logistics
 - The issue was raised that the members of 2nd appeals have been asked if they are paid by parking services. Although there is no payout by parking services members do receive a free parking pass based on the time commitment this committee endures. Does this equate to being paid by parking services?
 - Gives the appearance of being paid for service (where as no other committees are compensated in this way)

- Doesn't seem to be a motivation for either students or staff to be on the committee
 - It is a burdensome committee over others that take much less time, and are generally during a normal 8-5 work day
 - There is a realization that we can give the appellate as much info as possible and there will still be plenty of people that do not believe or listen that members of 2nd appeals are not paid or vested in defending parking services & their issuance of tickets
 - The issue of the number of chances/reviews that an appellate can go through was also brought up. Example: If you receive a ticket in Blacksburg or other municipalities you either pay the ticket or go to court and it is either dismissed or upheld. Right now appellate can go to parking services after receiving the ticket and speak directly with them, appeal & then 2nd appeal. Granted there is a difference between a municipality and a university. Given this information is the questioning of "do you get paid" a valid argument given the appellate is already given more opportunities to be heard than in municipal setting?
 - Given that there is credit given for fulfilling 2nd appeals duties after the year of service (in the form of a parking permit) is it seen as being paid or rewarded/thanked for putting in time outside of your job to allow for this 3rd tier of appeals?
- Larger question as to whether we should make a few revisions or look at the document in its entirety which would mean this is tabled until next year so we can devote more time to its review.

Action Items

- Link to parking resolution.
<http://docs.google.com/Doc?docid=0AZtRZrXd26ppZGpxZHJyY18wbnY2aHN2Y3g&hl=en>