

August 4, 2006

To: Richard LeBlond, MD
Past President, Faculty Senate

Sheldon Kurtz
President, Faculty Senate

From: Keith Clasen
Chair, Parking & Transportation Committee

Re: Annual Report of Parking & Transportation Committee, FY '06

Committee Chair: Keith Clasen

Committee Members: Maison Bleam, Joseph Chen, Brett Cloyd, Jason Downs, Ericka Fabisch, Karen Griffith, Johna Leddy, Ray Haas

Committee Charge:

- (a) Advise on both short-term and long-term plans for handling on-campus automobile and motorcycle traffic, including flow, control, parking, and storage. Committee members shall consult the appropriate administrative officers and the Campus Planning Committee to inform themselves regarding land use, parking lot design, and landscaping as these considerations bear on campus parking and transportation policies;
- (b) Advise on plans for campus bicycle traffic;
- (c) Advise on plans for other modes of transportation, including Cambus;
- (d) Advise on rules and regulations and fee schedules pertaining to all modes of campus parking and transportation, including priorities, registrations, and penalties for violations;
- (e) Advise on procedure for handling appeals of fines arising from alleged violations of traffic or parking regulations;
- (f) Advise in developing and reviewing plans for coordinating University transportation and facilities with those of city, county, state, and federal agencies.

Meeting Dates: January 23, 2006, February 20, 2006, & March 27, 2006

Activities:

- 1) Card Access System: Parking and Transportation will be implementing card access systems to all gated lots on campus. There will be approximately 12,000 access cards distributed to current permit holders within the system. The access system has been installed in Hospital Ramps I, II, III, IV, Finkbine, and Newton Road Ramp. Parking and Transportation's goal is to have all gated lots set up with card access by Fall 2006.
- 2) Cambus: The Cambus transportation system currently has 27 fixed route buses. 22 of the 27 buses are considered beyond useful life. 15 of the 22 buses considered beyond useful life were purchased in 1989. The buses are maintained routinely to perform preventative maintenance and ensure they are operating safely. A normal life cycle of a bus is 12 years. Cambus has received funding to replace 4 of the 15 buses purchased in 1989.
- 3) Safety Concerns: The committee approved a letter to be sent to Facilities Management. The letter asked Facilities Management to address safety issues along a narrow section of Hawkins Drive and to install a curb at Bowen Science Bldg.
- 4) The committee routinely reviewed the progress of the department's numerous projects.
 - Hospital Ramp IV Expansion: Ramp will see an addition of 571 spaces to serve UIHC, faculty/staff parking and the Field House. New fascia will be installed on the entire south side exterior of old and new sections. Ramp will lose use of top level of the existing structure during the completion of the connection from old to new sections. Expected total completion date is set for September 2006.

- Lot 43: The space count changes continually with the stadium and chilled water projects. The scheduled completion date for the lot is September 6, 2006. Parking and Transportation permanently lost 177 spaces north of Hospital Ramp III to the West Campus Chilled Water Plant project in March.
 - Old Capital Mall: Due to the university's purchase of a large portion of the Old Capital Mall, there will be nearly 600 university employees moving into the mall from February forward. Parking and Transportation has acquired space in the new Iowa City ramp.
 - New Hygienic Lab: A new lab will be built at Oakdale.
 - Newton Road Ramp: Newton Road Ramp had two topics of discussion. The first topic related the key exits regarding the difficulty of use and a user suggested that the station be moved to the right and have a third key exit lane installed. The second topic was related to the utilization of the ramp. There are 785 spaces with half currently allocated for permit use and half for public or hourly parking. There has been some consideration for increasing the capacity allocated to faculty and staff parking.
 - Lot 42: Parking and Transportation may lose half of this lot.
 - East Side Recreation Center: Plan is to add courts to the original design.
- 5) Parking Rates: A rate chart was explained showing the current and future rates through 2009. These rates were approved by last year's committee, Staff Council, Faculty Senate, Student Government and UI Administration. The Board of Regents approved the proposed FY07 parking rate increases at the February BOR meeting.
 - 6) Cambus to Parklawn: Residents of Parklawn requested that the Committee review the current Cambus service to that area. The Cambus currently does not stop directly outside of Parklawn, however, there is a very high level of Cambus service across the street in the Hancher Commuter Lot that provides bus services all over campus. The Cambus service to Parklawn has been studied before revealing that there is not enough ridership for additional service and buses are not able to easily maneuver around Parklawn for service.
 - 7) Graduate Medical Education Program (GME): Currently there are approximately 400 residents and 200 fellows working at UIHC as part of the program. Beginning December 1, 2005, a new pilot program began that provided new M-permits for use by the GME physicians. These permits are used by on-call or call-back doctors.

Final Conclusions and Recommendations:

- 1) The committee did not hold the first meeting until January 23, 2006 due to scheduling conflicts/issues during the fall semester. Student schedules did not allow much flexibility when scheduling the committee meetings which created several students to be absent from the meetings. Recommendation is to determine a set meeting time at the beginning of the semester based on staff schedules and only select student members to the committee that will be available to meet during the previously established timeframe.
- 2) The committee members did an exceptional job bringing parking and transportation issues/concerns of the UI Community to the meetings for discussion and review. Recommendation is for P&T Committee members to continue to seek out concerns of the UI Community and bring these concerns to the meetings as topics for discussion.
- 3) Continue to structure the committee meeting agendas providing adequate discussion time for each topic and ensuring the topics are aligned to the committee charge.

Thanks for the opportunity to work with Faculty Senate, Staff Council, and Student Government on important issues concerning the University community. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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 Parking & Transportation Committee Members