

Minutes from the Transportation and Parking Committee

September 8, 2008

1. Attendance: Wyatt Sasser (Facilities, last year's chair who attended to help us get started), Anne Zajac (Vet Med-Faculty Senate), Tom Wertalik (Chemistry), John Reid (Chemistry), Richard McCoy (Parking), Brad Martens (Engineering), Doug Nelson (Mechanical Engineering-Faculty Senate), Tom Tucker (FIS)
2. Anne Zajac volunteered to chair the committee. Jon Reid volunteered to be Vice Chair. No one volunteered to be the recorder and a suggestion was made to solicit the membership at the next meeting and if no one volunteers to rotate the responsibilities between the committee member. Wyatt Sasser volunteered to record notes for the first meeting.
3. Parking Deck:

The BOV has approved the parking garage project and it is scheduled to start in January, 2009 with a completion date in the neighborhood of March, 2010. The location is in the middle section of "B" lot. The project is considered a work in progress and may be subject to changes throughout the construction phase. The deck will have approximately 1300 spaces and will accommodate commuter, graduate, and faculty/staff. There will be a net gain of 850 spaces when the project is complete. The structure will have the ability to be gated. At this time it is proposed to leave the gate up and only use them during special events to control parking but no final decision has been made. During construction graduate parking will be moved to the Smithfield lot and undergraduates to the new lot at Chicken Hill.

4. Resident parking was briefly discussed. Parking Services is looking at several options such as the no freshman rule, resident permits being higher (because they use the lot 24/7) and limiting the number of permits/spaces available. They would be issued on the first come bases. This topic will be a future agenda item.
5. It was mentioned that visitor parking could be a possible agenda item. This topic has been discussed before and is still a topic of interest.
6. Jon Reid submitted a list of seven traffic issues and four parking issues he would like the committee to review and consider as future topics of discussion. He is going to email the list to the membership so those who could not attend the meeting would have for their review.
7. For the next meeting it was requested that the committee be updated on issues that were discussed last year (Visitor Parking and Bicycle Policy) and that at that time the committee would determine what issues it would like to undertake this year.