

Parking Advisory Council Meeting

September 26, 2008

2:00 p.m.

A&F Conference Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Everett Malcolm (Chair), Diane Tanner, Jeff Durfee, Alison Cruess.

Members Absent: Verna Urbanski, Elizabeth Hardy, Glenda Kelsey, Leslie Burch, Ryan Ewing, James Cima, Thomas Blanchard (alternate).

Others Present: Shari Shuman (VP, Admin & Finance), Vince Smyth (Auxiliary Services), Cindy Haile (Parking & Transportation Services) and John Dean (UPD).

The meeting was called to order at 2:20 PM by Chair Everett Malcolm.

1. Review of Charge by VP Shuman:

- Vice President Shuman thanked the Members of the Parking Advisory Council for their willingness to serve on this extremely important Administrative Council dealing with issues important to the University. The Council will work on parking charges for next year, as well as specifications and restrictions, taking into consideration that there are 1,100 fewer students than last year.
- Vice President Shuman informed that with new construction projects there have been attempts to make buildings comply with LEED specifications that would include extra points if there are parking spaces made for hybrid vehicles. There are also many questions that need to be answered, such as: How would you know it is a hybrid car or how would that fit into our parking program? Another project includes carpooling and trying to match people up and see if such a project is feasible.
- Vice President Shuman also emphasized the problem that exists with nighttime students complaining about their parking spaces. These students park in discount lots, while they see many empty parking spaces closer to classes. They do not see a reason why they could not park in those empty spaces to save themselves time.
- Vice President Shuman also talked about the changes in fees for parking permits and if those fees should be changed. Also, the parking categories were presented. It was emphasized that pressure needs to be put on better communicational skills, because it was mentioned that for some time the Student Update was not working properly, preventing smooth communication with students.

2. Introductions

- Introductions were made and Everett Malcolm gave a brief history of the Parking Advisory Council since its inception in 1991.

3. Appointment of Vice- Chair

- The Council should start to think about who would be the most appropriate person to represent the Committee in case the Chair is absent. This person would run meetings should the Chair not be available.

4. Review of By-Laws

- All members should review the By-Laws before the next meeting to be prepared to discuss them.

5. Update on the Shuttle System

- Cindy Haile has reported that the number of complaints is minimal with only one complaint that she was aware of and that the service is only getting better.
- A fourth bus was added to the North route making it seven buses total. For the first five weeks, daily average (Monday- Thursday) is approximately 10,000 each day (compared to 7,500 last year).
- A new bus stop was added at UNF Drive (near Lot 10) which makes it much more convenient for students. Also, the bus stops on Alumni Drive at the Crossings on the way to UNF Hall.

6. Other Businesses

- Everett Malcolm informed the Council that he has not received a complaint so far and that the only problem that continually arises on an annual basis is the nighttime students not understanding why they need to park in discount lots while the spaces closer to campus are open.
- Alison Cruess found Shari Shuman's suggestion about carpooling very interesting and wondered where the employees would be able to find the names of people who live in the area so there is a possibility for those people to match-up.
- Vince Smyth responded that carpooling is being looked at.

7. Future meetings

- October 3
 - October 31
 - November 14
 - December 5
- (all on Friday, 2:00 to approximately 3:30, A&F Conference Room)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM. Prepared by Marta Morzynska