PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING ON APRIL 13, 2016
44 Lower College Road  10am-11:30am
Agenda

I.     Welcome and Introductions

II.    Review of Minutes from Previous Meeting

III.   Parking and Transportation Services Status Report for March 2016

IV.    Update on RIPTA Contract and Proposal by Representative Tanzi

V.     Review of Proposed Amendments to Parking Regulations

VI.    Motorcycle Parking Locations

VII.   Car Pool Permits

VIII.  Next Meeting Date
Parking and Transportation Advisory Subcommittee
Minutes for Meeting on April 13, 2016

The meeting started at 10:03 am at 44 Lower College Road Conference Room
Also attending was Ron Zincone, Parking Services Information Aide who took minutes for this meeting.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved with no corrections.

Joe Paradise reviewed and explained statistics indicating number of warnings issued, gate problems, number of tows, etc. Baker said that the University does not receive any money from the tows. He hopes that the statistical numbers go down once the new regulations go into effect. Paradise reported that last year at this time Parking Services sold over 8,000 one-day passes. Discussion followed. Lowe suggested that a link be placed onto the Parking Services website. Zincone will follow up on this.

Joe Paradise reported on the new RIPTA contract. He said there will be two hill climber buses and designated shuttles. The 211 blue line will be renamed to the RAM line and its route changed. A one-year agreement was reached with RIPTA. Baker said that we do not want to get into anything long term this year. Baker also said that Representative Tanzi is working on some type of university-wide pass that can be used year round by staff and faculty. It may be called a UPASS which is being subsidized by State money. Paradise added that RIPTA offers a UPASS program but none of the State colleges have it. A pilot program may be proposed for next year by RIPTA. Representative Tanzi will be asking for funding for this program. The URI ID card will be used as the swipe card for the UPASS program. Rae Ferguson asked about possible security issues. Baker said that we are taking one-week traffic counts on various roadways for Representative Tanzi. Lowe asked about URI ID’s and any possible fees. Paradise said that the Plains Road area may be our future transportation hub for Amtrak.

Baker said that our goal is to have these changes completed by September. The proposed amendments and regulations were reviewed and edited by the Members in attendance. Paradise said that we are targeting our enforcement section of the regulations. He also said that we would recoup 100% of the fines for non-registered vehicles. Paradise recommended that there be a $40 fine for non-registered vehicles. Baker then reported that he looked into other colleges’ fees and recommended that we increase the fine to $50 for consistency. Smith felt that the fine increase would be a good motivator for students to register their vehicles. Paradise said that the funding from the permit fees should be used for funding our expenses such as signage and enforcement. We
need to get the enforcement rules changed to recoup some of the funds. Clarke asked about students who were wrongly ticketed. Paradise replied that the student either has a permit or doesn’t have one. Baker added that there would be an appeal process in place and that the payment of a non-registered fee can be applied to purchasing a permit. Members in attendance agree that the plan was good along with the fee changes. Baker asked Novak to follow up with changes to the State violations section of the proposed amendments and regulations. Discussion followed with a consensus that further review and editing is needed. Smith asked about the recent snow storm parking ban and some confusion with text communications to students. Both Paradise and Baker replied with information. Discussion followed regarding the Flagg Road parking.

The motorcycle parking regulations were reviewed and edited by the Members in attendance. Paradise said that we are concentrating on the immediate and important changes but that the regulations as a whole need to be redone next year. We will be looking on Campus for possible spaces that would be impractical for cars to park.

Paradise said that a car pool permit program would be something we need to look at once the study is done. Rae Ferguson suggested creating specified parking spaces appropriately designated for carpooling with the proper signage. Paradise recommended that the vendors should pay for delivering and parking on Campus. Further research needs to be done on any future car pool program. Baker asked the Members in attendance to email any data and suggestions to Joe Paradise. Pam Jackson will send out a meeting request for the next meeting date.

A meeting request will go out to have another meeting in early May.

The meeting adjourned at 2:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald Zincone
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Parking Services