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## Parking Sub-Committee Meeting Summary: October 29, 2014

### **Attendance:**

Bob Fulleman, Police and Public Safety  
Kevin Garvey, Physical Plant Operations  
Jill Nocella, Faculty Representative, Nursing Department  
Eric Rosenberg, Information Technology  
Richard Stomber, Administration  
Allen Williams, Commuter Student Services

### **Distribution**

Steve Bolyai, Administration and Finance  
Cailyn Buettner, Student Representative  
Peter (Zhiqiang) Chen, Faculty Representative, Math Department

The next meeting is Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30pm in College Hall.

#### 1. Membership

Kevin Garvey has joined the Parking Sub-Committee.

#### 2. Parking Garage

ER reported that there are approximately on average 300 cars per day using the garage including 100 transients. There are approximately 470 plan holders. Open items on the PARCS system include Pioneer Card and credit card capability at pay stations. Credit cards may be used at the exit station. Transponder options are currently under evaluation.

ER requested a sign to remind pedestrians returning to the surface lot to use the pay station before leaving. BF recommended a stop sign be placed at exit of Pioneer Garage at Tennis Court Road. This will require the Board to approve. BF also recommended installing signs at other lots on campus advising of additional parking

at the Parking Garage.

Snow removal operations particular to the garage and the solar panels were reviewed and addressed under a separate forum.

RS reviewed the location for designating reserved spaces for state vehicles on the lowest tier.

### 3. University Drive

“University Drive” has replaced “College Road/East Road/ and Mills Drive” on Google Maps. The College Road sign at the intersection of Hamburg Turnpike is to be replaced by a University Drive sign. Public Relations will be advised to change directions on the website. Additional road signage will be explored with the East Road Widening project. Boswell Engineering was recently awarded the design commission for East Road Widening and Ben Shahn Entry

### 4. Print Shop Yard

RS advised that many cars are parked each day around the Salt Shed and Print Shop. This area is not striped for general parking and needs to be better secured. Discussions will continue at the next meeting.

### 5. General Comments and Suggestions:

The following comments were forwarded to the Committee for a response.

Comment 1: There is no improvement in parking situation for faculty and staff after the opening of a parking garage!

Response: The garage is an option open to all members of the community and visitors, but may not suit the needs of everyone. With a peak of about 300 people using the garage a day between 11:30am and 2pm, it is believed that the garage has had some positive impact on overall parking availability.

Suggestion 1: One way of making a sizable improvement for the parking is to allow teaching faculty to use the parking garage free of charge. Since the garage is not fully occupied, the university is not "losing" money.

Response: The Board of Trustees approved the current fee structure last fiscal year to offset some of the cost of the garage.

Suggestion 2: Move the college vans out of faculty parking lot which is near the parking garage. And move all reserved parking spots to the parking garage (or to the parking spots outside the garage but inside the gate). It looks like the number of reserved parking spots increases over time which is not acceptable to faculty.

Response: The University vans will be relocated to the garage once access control issues with transponders are worked out. This is hopefully by the start of next semester. The decision was made last year that there would be no reserved spaces in the garage except for State vehicles. Reserved parking spaces are for Directors, Academic Chairs and above and have not increased over the past few years. Additionally, there are some reserved spaces for certain activities such as art gallery visitors, Speech and Hearing Clinic, and the Child Development Center, but these spaces have not increased recently either.