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## Parking Sub-Committee Meeting Summary: October 21, 2013

### **Attendance:**

Steve Bolyai, Administration and Finance  
Cailyn Buettner, Student Representative  
Peter (Zhiqiang) Chen, Faculty Representative, Math Department  
Rosemarie Genco, Finance  
Bob Fulleman, Police and Public Safety  
Bill Golubinski, Capital Planning  
Jill Nocella, Faculty Representative, Nursing Department  
Richard Stomber, Administration  
Allen Williams, Commuter Student Services

### **Distribution**

Mike Noble, Turner Construction  
Eric Rosenberg, Information Technology  
Facility Advisory Committee

#### 1. Membership:

Peter Chen and Jill Nocella have volunteered to serve on the Committee as Faculty Representatives. Cailyn Buettner will serve as the Student Representative.

#### 2. Parking Garage:

The Parking Garage Project is currently two weeks ahead of schedule and completion is anticipated in May 2014. Precast trailers are not expected to start arriving until mid-December. PARCS system specifications have been developed by Purchasing and Information Technology. Pay on Foot stations have been requested to accept cash and coins in addition to credit and Pioneer cards. Rates have not been established but a semester rate, along with an hourly rate, will be available to all faculty, staff and students. The Parking Garage will not result in a mandatory student "fee", such as the transportation fee, which funds expenses related to the campus shuttle. Only those individuals electing to park in the garage will have to

pay to enter. All users of the existing surface lots will not be assessed an additional fee to park in those lots.

### 3. Traffic and Transportation Plan – FY14/FY15

Recommendations for summer paving in 2014, will be made during the Spring Semester.

Wetlands may be impacted where a right turn lane is to be added at West Overlook at the intersection of College Road. CPDC is obtaining a price for a wetlands investigation. RBA has been retained to perform the design.

The University has performed a traffic signal analysis to provide a left turn arrow at West Overlook and Belmont Avenue and submitted it to Passaic County Engineering Department. This followed a meeting with the WPU and North Haledon Police Chiefs, where North Haledon also expressed interest in a left turn arrow at West Overlook and High Mountain Road. The University will await a response from Passaic County before any additional discussions.

Bob Fulleman advised that the traffic control plan, which called for traffic to be diverted through Lot 3, for the Pompton Road Bridge Painting needs to be adjusted based on recent discussions with the county. CPDC will need to coordinate with Campus Police to revise specifications. Revised cost estimates including potentially a state contract are being solicited by CPDC.

East Road is intended to be widened at the junction of Police and Facilities Maintenance in 2015, but there is additional storm work required but the route of the piping, which could be in the road or off the curb, has not been determined. Wetlands may also be affected at this location. There are also concerns about the property boundary with Camp Veritans and how that may affect the design.

### 4. New Academic Building

The Committee reviewed a siteplan of the New Academic Building to discuss the effects of construction on pedestrians and vehicles for the period between May 2014 through 2016. During construction, closures or restrictions are expected at East Road (for storm sewer work), Raubinger Loading Dock, rear driveway to Hobart Manor, and area surrounding the new building site. Construction traffic will be primarily via Entry 1, Pompton Road, past Facilities/Police, past student center loading dock to the construction site.

The committee recommended the following restrictions subject to further approval.

1. Raubinger and Hobart Manor access roads will be closed except to emergency and service vehicles as construction allows.
2. Pedestrians coming from Lot 1 or the Parking Garage will not be allowed further than the stairs on the south side of Science, which provides access to the Student Center.
3. Non-service or emergency vehicles will not be allowed past the Student Center Loading Dock.
4. The Wightman Gym Parking Lot will be closed and will not be reopened.
5. The south entry of Wightman Gym will only be accessible from Speert Garden.

Turner will work to develop a site protection plan for review at an upcoming meeting. The Committee expressed the need for effective signage, communications, and fencing. The committee also expressed a concern for students determined to transverse the construction site and terrain to access Raubinger Hall.

#### 5. General Discussions and Suggestions to Improve Parking

- A. Suggestion to Eliminate Reserved Parking Spaces: Parking spaces are reserved for Directors, Academic Chairs and above. There was support of the committee to explore eliminating reserved spaces, but there are no planned changes in the existing policy.
- B. Relocating large vans in Lot 2 will be explored.
- C. Overnight Student Parking in Lots 1 and 2 cannot be relocated to Veritans because there is not sufficient lighting. Students residing in the Pioneer and Heritage apartments cannot be relocated to Lot 6 because of the distance they would need to carry belongings.
- D. Handicapped parking at Science seems underutilized.
- E. In general, changes requiring significant resources, effort, or changes in practice should wait until the completion of the Parking Garage.
- F. Students standing in Lot 5 waiting for parking spaces are restricting those already parked from leaving. Campus Police will monitor.

- G. The campus shuttle is crowded beyond capacity on Mondays and Wednesdays. Allen Williams will discuss at a different forum with students and administration.
- H. Shuttle should be better promoted to faculty and staff on high parking demand days.
- I. Music students with large instruments have to frequently walk a long distance from Lot 6 to Shea. The shuttle does not currently stop in Lots 3 or 4. Allen W will work with Cailyn to identify students with large instruments and review potential solutions.

6. New Business

Before eliminating the handicapped parking spaces at Ben Shahn the demand for these spaces needs to be determined and there needs to be a discussion with the COAC Dean and Athletics.

There was a discussion about renaming Mills Drive and East Road to College Road. Subsequent to the meeting, University Road was mentioned as a more appropriate name. This will require additional investigation with signage for borough boundaries, potential governance approval, legal opinion, and coordination with Google Maps etc. These will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.