

Special Session
STAFF ADVISORY COUNCIL
Date: Tuesday, December 18, 2007
Location: Sugden Welcome Center, Room 108

MEETING MINUTES

Vice President, Dee Bryan called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM

Council Members:		Present	Excused
	David Vazquez, President		x
	Dee Bryan, Vice President	x	
	Jacque Toth, Secretary	x	
	Loren Prive, Treasurer	x	
	Jennifer Baker	x	
	Lisa Banks	x	
	Susan Baurer		x
	Chuck Bryan	x	
	Jim Lee		x
	Jackie McNulty	x	
	Mary Reed	x	
	Eileen Regelski		x
	Ruth Rodrigues	x	
	Tim Shannon		x
	Bob Swank	x	
	Tami Tassler	x	

Dee presented the first order of business: Dee asked for a motion to waive the SAC charter stipulation which states that a staff member must make a written request to the SAC president one week prior to the scheduled meeting in order to address the Staff Advisory Council (as indicated in the SAC charter, item 2.1.3.) She asked for a motion to suspend the regular charter to provide a forum to the staff. Tami so moved and Ruth seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Dee stated that a call in option to participate in the meeting had also been made available. This announcement had been made previously by email. She then introduced invited guest Chief Steve Moore to review the proposed parking regulation that will increase campus parking fees.

Chief Moore stated the parking fees provide for repairs, building, maintenance and equipment usage for all paved lots and parking garages. These funds are not provided by the state, so they must be generated by parking fees. Increases are needed to pay for the debt obligations of building new parking garages. He also referred to the email memo and attachment sent by Dr. Joe Shepard to all staff and faculty on in the last 24 hours which answered questions such as Why Do We Have to Pay for Parking and How Was the Fee Set and by Whom?

Dee then opened the floor to staff in attendance who wished to make comments:

1. Sonia Casanova: Students pay increases as well as faculty and staff. Students parking fee increase is 50 cents per credit hour each year. Full time students pay \$240 annually for parking and transportation.
2. Lynn Redavid: concern over increasing fees and no relief or pay increase to staff to compensate for increases (budget constraints).
3. Beth Redding: She did not feel the requested increases annually of \$7.00 for general faculty/staff parking and \$32.00 for reserved parking was unreasonable. These seem to be small incremental increases.
4. Patricia Rice: asked if tiered parking fee pricing is being considered which could be based on an individual's salary. She asked if there will be designated parking within the new parking garage and other proposed areas.
5. Susan Fohs: considered the generated revenue's impact if the current 180 reserved parking space owners changed their mind about paying the higher reserved space fees and decided on the lower, general parking prices instead.

Chief Moore reviewed the proposed parking garage costs:

1st Parking Garage- completed- cost was over 6 million dollars with 30 year bonds. Payment is approx. \$407,000.00 annually for the next 29 years.

2nd Parking Garage- to be completed by Spring 2008. It will cost 10 million to build, will hold 1,000 cars. The payment is \$610,000.00 annually.

3rd Parking Garage- proposed to be built in Lot 4 most likely.

Other submitted comments regarding this issue included those who felt the parking increase was not too bad, but wanted fairness in the distribution of these parking fee charges.

All were reminded they could access the SAC website and use the comment boxes there to voice opinions on any matter.

Chief stated that the Parking Committee meets at the beginning of each year and then on a monthly basis as needed. The current SAC representative for this standing campus committee is Dave Vazquez. Other areas of campus represented on the Parking Committee include; Faculty, Student, Housing and Captain Herb Caudle.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

The next regularly scheduled Staff Advisory Council meeting is Tuesday, January 22, 2008, from 3-4:30 pm in the Sugden Welcome Center, Room 108.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jacquie Toth, SAC Secretary

