

EMU TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Minutes: January 17, 2013

Members Present:

Leigh Greden
Diane Browning
Dionne Hammes
Bob Jones
Pam Walsh
Chief Heighes
Todd Ohmer
Steve Moore
Dave Wilcox
Desmond Miller
Matthew Norfleet
Raymond Quiel

Preliminaries:

Started at 3:02pm

Leigh Greden is chairing the meeting this week since Michael Hague no longer works for Eastern Michigan University. Also noted is that Deborah Kamber has left EMU for another job.

McKenny Guest Lot Update

The McKenny ticket spitter and gate box are now up and working.

GA Hang tags

GA's can park in any Commuter Lot or non-gated Staff lot. McKenny Staff and Pease Staff they are only allowed to park in them after 5pm. They can also park in Ford Lot A after 7:30pm. In the Fall of 2012 there were 512 GA hang tags passed out. In this term, Winter 2013, there have been 38 of the GA hang tags passed out so far. It has been noted that not all GA's get 100% of their tuition paid. Departments pay for their GA's hang tags, Staff and Adjuncts. Keep in mind that GA's may only use them occasionally and that many of them have the same issues as Faculty.

It has also been noted that Faculty, Staff and GA's can use the free shuttle in from Rynearson and that since they are here for a better portion of the day it would make more sense for them to park out there.

This committee has not come to a consensus on how to handle the GA parking issue therefore it will be shelved and can be revisited in the future.

Rackham Lot

We have not heard anything further on this lot. I will check with the Physical Plant and see where the plans are at and update the group at the next meeting.

Mayhew Lot 2

Desmond has asked the Parking Department to be more vigilant in this lot due student complaints.

Meter Parking

Meters are now enforced all weekend and evening.

Guest Passes

Guest Passes can be purchased at the Parking Department and when they are closed the Police Department sells them and on the weekends. They are \$3.00 a day and expire at 9am the next morning. The Student Government will help to get the word out.

AATA Bus Swipes

Beth Hardcastle will update us on where we stand with the AATA bus swipes at the next meeting. I will also ask her to look into whether or not current student IDs expire or not. She will also let Desmond Miller know if she finds out before the next meeting.

Desmond has also told us that the status on the bus passes is that they still hope to roll it out in the Fall. Matthew had a meeting with John Lumm on it. It would cost student ninety-three cents per credit hour. The Board of Regents will have to approve it at the June meeting if it is to roll out in the Fall. The program can start without the pool of money. They will be able to ride any AATA bus as long as the student is enrolled with a valid ID card. They are still looking into whether or not the current student card will be used or whether another card will be needed.

There is also the question of how many students will use the card and whether or not EMU should wait until after drop add to be able to use the card for the bus. Currently students can purchase an AATA bus pass at the reduced rate of \$40.00. The pass can be purchased at either the Cashier's Office in Pierce or the Parking Department office.

Carpooling

Steve Moore, Energy and Sustainability / Physical Plant, has looked into different options for the campus. We need to look at supply and demand. He will look further into it and update us as he finds new options.

Trinity Bus Service

The question has been brought up as to whether the bus service is being utilized by the students and whether or not we could even use a smaller vehicle to transport them. The other question that was brought up whether or not we should even continue the service if not that many are using is for the price that we are paying. We will see if they have ridership numbers or if they could track it for us.

EMU Transportation Committee Meeting

The next meeting will be February 21, 2013 in room 301 of the Student Center. We will vote for a new President at the next meeting.