

EMU TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Minutes: April 18, 2013

Members Present:

Diane Browning
Dionne Hammes
Bob Jones
Pam Walsh
Todd Ohmer
Zachary Jones
Chris Grant
Bob Heighes
Desmond Miller
Jumanah Saadeh
Meg Castro
Leigh Greden

Preliminaries:

Started at 3:03pm

Bowman / Roosevelt

We were given a concept drawing at this meeting. The lower lot is to be raised therefore there will not be as much elevation. There will also be steps at the circle drop off for elevation. It is projected that we will gain some spots. They hope to have parking spots to the north of Goddard Hall. The lot will be shutdown in June. We will let everyone know as soon as we can. The number of handicap spots will remain the same.

AATA Memo

The next step is to decide on whether or not another card will be needed. There is also talk on campus about students possibly getting a laundry card. The hope is to use the Higher One card for laundry and the AATA Bus. Also, will the Staff and Faculty need another card if the AATA bus pass goes through? The cost of printing the cards also needs to be kept in mind. John Lumm and Leigh Greden are to meet with AATA and have a cost talk with them. It must be kept in mind that June 1st is when the state budget will be done and then the Board of Regents is to meet on the 16th of June. If it is approved and the budget goes through then the cards must be finalized and it must be marketed.

Trinity Bus

April 26th is the last day the bus will run.

Discussion of 10 Question & Answer Handout

Departments pay \$50.00 per GA hang tag. PTs pay \$104.00 for their hang tag per their contract. APs pay \$144.00 for their hang tags. It has been suggested that GAs should be Commuters since they are usually here in the evenings. It is an equity issue. It has also been brought up that Staff should pay the same rate as the PTs. On the other hand, if you raise the price of the Staff hang tag you are only hurting the university. Should it be averaged out except for APs?

There will be no increase to hang tags next year. The answer to question number 9 answers why Commuter hang tags will not be raised next year.

In regards to the Reserved lots and the \$100,000 that they generate, it has been noted that it is not that much money when you consider that it is not equitable for everyone. It is also noted that this amount is in the Parking Department's budget. Also noted is that the Reserved rates were the highest raised rate for parking on campus. Reserved spots can also be shared by multiple people. Supply and demand must be kept in mind. The Parking Department is an auxiliary and therefore must be run as a business.

Part-Time lecturers are only making \$13,000 per year. Favoritism and elitism are going on. It is the decision of the Reserved Spot holder as to whether or not they want to purchase a spot. It can't be said that it is inefficient to the university since the university is not subsidizing Reserved Spots. President Martin pays for her own Reserved Spot.

It is also felt that the students are morally damaged the most and yet, there have not been any complaints to the council per Desmond. He also does not feel it is a big deal to the students. EMUFT wants the Reserved Spots to disappear since they are out of reach for its 600 members. Pam Walsh has not heard anything from the faculty. Diane Browning has not heard anything from the clericals. Part-Time lecturers are the poorest paid and feel Reserved Spots are not attainable and therefore not equitable. Bob seconds the motion put forth by Leigh to kill the discussion on Reserved Spots. The discussion is now being tabled. It can be brought up as a recommendation once again in the fall.

Oakwood South

The handicap ramp in Oakwood South should be completed by July 2nd. Diane Browning is to be notified as soon as the work has been completed.

EMU Transportation Committee Meeting

The next meeting will take place in the Fall.