

**Parking and Transportation Committee Meeting
March 20, 2013
Location: Transportation Services Conference Room**

Members Present: Dr. Stacy Jones, Chairperson, Carol Boshell, Lynn Hamric, Jack Jecen, Erica Luby, Gordon MacNeil, Ed Stephenson, Reuben Cook, Naomi Powell, Morgan Smith, Rod Roth, A. J. Martin, Judy Thorpe, Dan Wolfe, Virginia Johnson, Ronnie Robertson, Ralph Clayton, Nick Frenz, Stuart Glaeser and Pam Mallon.

Guest: Matthew Heyen – Graduate Student

Dr. Jones called the meeting to order. The minutes from the February 13, 2013 meeting were distributed and approved as written.

New Business

- Dr. Jones introduced Matthew Heyen who is a UA graduate student. Matthew presented a proposal requesting that graduate students appealing parking citations be given the choice of either being heard by the University Parking and Traffic Student Court of Appeals or the University Parking and Traffic Court of Appeals. Matthew stated in his proposal that “appeals by graduate students heard by the University Parking and Traffic Court of Appeals for Faculty and Staff would be much more peer relevant and would avoid judgment of older graduate students by more suitable peers.”**
After further review, a motion was made to deny the proposal. The motion was seconded, a vote was taken, and there was one opposing vote. A recommendation was made by the Committee to request that the University Parking and Traffic Student Court of Appeals actively recruit graduate and law school students to serve on their appeal board. Dr. Jones will present this recommendation to the Student Judicial Board and the Graduate Student Association.
- Dr. Bonner previously forwarded an email to Gina Johnson from a retiree who was concerned their permits did not allow access to the newly installed gate on Margaret Drive. UA retirees are currently issued free gold permits which allow parking access to all surface lots, except reserved lots. The Gorgas Library is frequently utilized by retirees and the parking areas adjacent to the library are no longer an option due to the gate on Margaret Drive. Ronnie Robertson suggested that for convenience, retirees may park their vehicles in the surface lot surrounding the Campus Drive deck and utilize the Crimson Ride which provides free access to all areas of the UA Campus. A few retired employees, who still work part time at UA, have surrendered their gold permits and purchased a faculty and staff permit which allows them deck and gate access. Dr. Jones, Gina Johnson and Ronnie Robertson met with the retired faculty and staff on March 14th to discuss their parking options. A request was made to allow retirees, regardless of whether they are employed at UA part time, to purchase faculty and staff permits which would allow them gate and deck access.**

A motion was made to only allow retired faculty and staff, regardless of whether they are employed at UA part time, to apply for a retired permit effective 8/16/13. A vote was taken and ended in a tie. Dr. Jones abstained from voting so the motion will be sent to Dr. Gilbert to review.

- Stuart Glaeser presented an update on carpooling and ridesharing. Stuart stated that the committee was still in the fact finding stage.

Reuben Cook stated that the crosswalk at Wallace Wade was not clearly marked. Ronnie stated that he would contact the City of Tuscaloosa since this was a City street.

Naomi Powell asked for a volunteer to serve on the Faculty and Staff Appeals Committee to replace Jack Jecen who retired from UA on March 31st. Anyone interested should email Naomi.

Since there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for April 10th in the Transportation Services conference room beginning at noon.