

# Parking & Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday May 30, 2017

9:00 am, OM 435

## MEETING NOTES

**Present:** Mary Ann Armstrong, Lea Aune, Doug MacLean, April Markiewicz (Chair), Bob Putich, Darin Rasmussen, Brian Sullivan, and Kurt Willis.

**Ex officio:** Paul Mueller

**Guest:** Jennifer Sloan, Assistant to Internal Audit and AAG, Rob Olson, AAG Office

### 1. WAC 516-12 Revisions Work Session

A laptop and projector were set up to make proposed changes to the WAC during the work session.

#### **Section 516-12.440 Parking areas.**

**Subsection (1)** – MacLean noted that white traffic buttons will eventually be removed as lot repair projects are implemented. The language was retained since the WAC describes current practices. Hough also suggested word changes to the final sentence regarding exceptions for emergency vehicles, however after discussion PTAC members agreed to just delete the sentence in question.

**Subsection (2)** – MacLean requested, on behalf of PSE, that the second sentence regarding posting the type of permit and times they are required for each parking area be retained. PSE is concerned that this would result in signs being removed and open the door to zone parking where seniority-based lot assignments would be eliminated. MacLean was assured that all lots will continue to have signage and there are no plans to eliminate seniority as a criterion for lot assignment. Moreover, that level of detail, i.e., describing how lot assignments are made, is not included in a WAC. The deletion was retained.

**Old Subsection (6)** –PSE requested that this not be eliminated as it would constitute a change in working conditions. MacLean noted that all meters are being removed from campus because they are old and replacement parts are difficult to obtain. They are being replaced with Pay Stations. Moreover, short-term parking is for visitors and guests, not employees. The deletion was retained.

**Subsection (3)(b)** –PSE requested clarification on what “short-term spaces with payment” meant and does that allow someone to park a motorcycle in a loading space. Short-term spaces are defined in 516.12.400 (33) Definitions. Since payments are not collected for

loading zones, the motorcyclist cannot park there and would be fined. Armstrong suggested a \$50 fine.

**Section 516-12.460 Permit fee.**

**Subsection (3)** – PSE requested that the second sentence not be deleted as it would constitute a change in working conditions. The perception is that it would not hold parking accountable for refunding unused parking permit revenues. The sentence that was added to replace the second sentence was to clarify that refunds must be paid after fees and fines are paid since the university, by law, cannot keep the additional funds. MacLean noted that the change in language made the refund mandatory. The deletion and replacement wording was retained.

**New Subsection (4)** – PSE reported that an employee was not able to use payroll deduction to pay for commuter passes. MacLean was informed the cause was a system glitch that has since been corrected.

**Section 516-12.470 Enforcement**

New Subsection (2) Citations (i) – Hough had commented a few weeks ago that Facilities Management (FM) vehicles need to be able to park on lawns, sidewalks, etc. This generated some discussion among the PTAC members. Are the vehicles parking in these areas in response to emergency maintenance and repair needs or is this more of an operational issue? Can a preventive maintenance approach eliminate most needs for parking in these no parking areas? This issue also extends to other types of service vehicles internal, as well as external to campus, e.g., vendors, Comcast. PTAC has guiding principles that should also extend to providing guidance on getting from point A to point B, whether as a pedestrian, bicyclist, driver, vendor, FM vehicles, etc. This should be discussed next academic year by the PTAC.

**Section 516-12.480 Appeals and appeals board.**

**Subsection (4)** – PSE states that the new language constituted a change in working conditions by having to pay the full amount of the fine and complete the appeals review request at the SBO or online. MacLean disagrees with that assessment. The proposed new language was left unchanged.

That concluded the PTAC review of all proposed changes to the WAC.

Meeting adjourned at 3:48 pm.

*Approved January 4, 2018.*