

Minutes of Faculty Senate Service Departments Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

Present: R. Levin, M. J. Alhabeeb, D. Vacchi, B. O'Connor, Cindy Arbonr, A. Byam

1. R. Levin opened the meeting by indicating that the topic of discussion was the pedestrian and vehicular traffic congestion at the intersection of Mass. Ave. and Sunset Ave.
2. A discussion ensued with a consensus that the possibility of having crossing guards at specific locals along Mass. Ave. be pursued.
3. Several short-term objectives were delineated:
 - a. Determination of peak hours during the day when such guards would be needed.
 - b. Determination of what days in the week would be involved.
 - c. Determination of number of crossing guards, total number of weekly hours, and cost estimate.
4. D. Vacchi and B. O'Connor will meet for an initial numerical assessment of item #3 above.
5. D. Vacchi will meet with the Provost to relay the magnitude of the problem and the numerical estimates of item #3 above and the possibility of using students as crossing guards if pilot funding is made available.
6. A. Byam will contact the UMass Transportation Center in Civil Engineering to explore the possibility of having a study undertaken to precisely address the issues in item #3 above and to assess the availability of local or regional grant funds being made available.

Robert E. Levin
Chairman