MINUTES: Approved minutes from September 15, 2010

INTRODUCTIONS: Ryan Quinn, GEO Representative, new member to the group.

PROPOSAL FOR RESIDENTIAL FRESHMAN PARKING BAN:
Jean Kim, VC Student affairs spoke about the proposal to ban first year freshman parking on campus. Handouts were given to PTAB members showing reasons for policy. Jean Kim presented the proposal saying that this would help with reducing cars on campus, is environmentally friendly, and would help with parking spaces on campus. This will also get freshmen to focus attention on their first year on campus and to be more active in the campus community. Jean mentioned that she has interacted with students on campus via dinners, luncheons at the dinning commons and speaking with resident assistant (RA) groups to get their opinions on this policy. She shared that most students and student groups think it is a good policy and have not received any negative reactions to the proposed policy.

Handouts related to the policy showed background information from 60 colleges and universities, and parking permit data over the years. Mike Brennan, Director of Parking shared his concerns about the new policy. Most students have jobs off campus and need a car to go back home on weekends and holidays. This policy would significantly decrease revenues. Tom O’Donnell suggested that increasing fines in item #3 of the proposal does not increase revenue for parking due to the fact that it goes to the scholarship fund set up by the Board of Trustees and should be taken out of the proposal. Jake Clemon, representative for the Graduate Student Senate, says that most students and Graduate students are against this ban.

Dennis Swinford, Director of Campus Planning stated that the Chancellor has asked that parking, pedestrian, and bikes be considered for the Master Plan. Over the next 6 months, there will be a study on new buildings and new parking and this proposal will be added to the plan for consideration. The committee for the master plan will be looking at all these questions as well as “where you park,” “how do you get to campus.” Martha Patrick suggested that we get a vote from the SGA due to the fact that little is known. We need real feedback or input about this policy before the PTAB members vote on this.

TRANSIT UPDATE:
- Fleet Program: Old vehicles are being replaced with hybrids and the program is rolling along nicely.
- State Vehicle Fee Proposal: Permit fee is still under debate as well as permit spaces.
- Bus Ridership: Weekends are extremely busy and ridership is up ½ percent.

PARKING UPDATE:
- The Learning Commons in the Library has increased illegal parking after 5pm. This is a dangerous situation and needs to be addressed on how to handle this problem. Police have towed 140 vehicles and over 170 citations have been written due to parking on grass, Student Union circle and other areas that do not allow parking. Emergency vehicles cannot get up there if needed due to all the illegally parked cars. The new Band building has taken up some parking spaces as well as the bus pick up for band members. Suggestions for solving this problem are possibly $3.00 all night parking charge for garage with proper validation from the Learning Commons or first hour free and $1.50 after. Signs to be put up that say you will be ticketed and towed.
- Text Alert Status: 199 individuals have signed up and only seven text messages have been sent to say your vehicle has been removed from campus.

COMMUTER OPTIONS: Rob Hendry was out for this meeting.
NEW BUSINESS:
- Campus parking policy review: Product is at the VHB consultants for policy recommendations
- Jake Clemon wanted to discuss how visitors visiting friends on campus during the weekends are taking parking spaces for housing residents. Tickets are not given out on weekends and he wanted to know what the best way to approach this is.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:
- Ideas for new topics
- Pay station Updates
- Lot 24 Tilson Farm Road
- Funding for Parking Decks
- Abandoned Bike Policy
- Budgets
- Winter Parking policy
- master plan
- consultants report

NEXT MEETING: February 16, 2011 Room 903 Campus Center 12:00pm – 2:00pm