**Members present:** Glenn Barrington, Niels La Cour, Rob Hendry, Ann Carr, Lt. Tom O'Donnell, Jon King, Marcie Savoie, Eva Friedman Hull, Shane Conklin, and Greg Wheeler.

**Members absent:** Michael Knodler, Sumera Ahsan, Jennifer Bennett, Martha Nelson Patrick, Pam Monn, Melanie Jacque, Lilly Wallace, Derek Dunlea, and Benjamin Ostiguy.

**Guest:** Diana Noble

November minutes could not be approved due to lack of quorum.

**Jon King, Parking Update:**

- Parking Services determines parking permit increases based on gross increases in University salaries.
  - The general increase is usually kept at, or below, 3%.
  - Increases should yield $96,000 this upcoming academic year.
- The metered rates at the garage, pay stations, and parking meters will remain as they are.
- Parkers that are not affiliated with the University receive the largest increase.
- Lot 12 sold out this year for the first time due to the number of residents that are using the lot year round.
  - One solution would be to create another purple lot closer to the Commonwealth Honors College.
  - A potential area for a lot would be the area with the tennis courts by the Mullins Center are, but that idea has been currently rejected.
  - Another solution would be to limit the number of resident students who can park in lot 12.
  - The University could also extend lot 22 to include lot 14, opening up about 100 spaces.
    - Glenn – We could arrange for the campus shuttles to go down to that area.
  - Other commuter lots, such as 11 and 13, are further away from academic buildings.
- A good portion of the location of Hills House will be parking spots.
- The University will help pay for the new parking area in order to offset the lack of parking due to the new Design Building.
- Parking Services is looking for an outside consultant for a parking plan for the next five to ten years.
- An outside consultant will help communicate the needs of Parking Services to the campus community.
- Currently exploring Walker Industry that is currently working on Boston University’s parking predicament.
- Summer construction will include renovations to Lot 25 which should be completed by the first week of August.
• This will solve overcrowding for events at the Mullins Center, and it will improve the overall aesthetics of the campus.
• The Pay-by-Foot stations in the parking garage is working well.
  • It is allowing for better tracking of parking garage usage.
  • Users are learning to use them very easily.

Diana Noble, EV Charging System Overview:

• Electric vehicles are a growing trend within the UMass population.
• When fueling a regular car, electricity is used in drilling for oil, oil refineries, transportation of fuel, and again at the fueling stations.
  • With electric vehicles, electricity is generated and taken by the vehicle.
• ChargePoint is a database that helps consumers locate charging points, and check the prices of those charging points.
• ChargePoint also allows consumers to see how long someone is charging their vehicle for.
• At the University there is one fast charger located in the Visitors Center, the remaining chargers are level two.
• Level two chargers allow for a 60 to 70 mile charge per hour.
• ChargePoint grants authority to the University to be a UMass charger allowing for cheaper prices.
  • ChargePoint reimburses the University for the electric billing which makes the price of charging an electric vehicle on campus almost half of what it would be in a private home.

Glen Barrington, Transportation Services Update:

• The entire nation is facing a decline in ridership for public transportation of about 4.5% from 2014-2016.
• This year UMTS ridership has declined 3.13% from the previous year.
  • Reasons could include Uber usage, and the strong snow storms we received this year in comparison to last.
• There are two new bus shelters on University drive.
• Public hearings are underway for review of potential service cuts for the PVTA as a whole.
• The service cuts are in result of the Governor level funding for all Regional Transit Authorities in the state.
• Level funding results in the PVTA having to cut approximately $3.1 million.
• So far the surrounding towns have not stepped forward to help offset the budget cuts.
• PVTA developed a list of 36 possible route reductions.
• 14 of the proposed cuts effect bus routes from UMass Transit Services.
• In addition four proposed cuts effect the B43 around campus from the Vatco garage.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:37 PM