Members present: Jim Barna, Glenn Barrington, Jennifer Bennett, Charles Hsueh, Jon King, Michael Knodler, Niels La Cour, Tom O’Donnell, Martha Patrick, and Greg Wheeler,

Guests: Tyrone Parham

Glenn Barrington, Transportation Services Update:

- UMass Transit is still providing service to the community during the pandemic.
  - Routes are running on a reduced semester service schedule until the end of the semester.
  - All routes are currently ending at approximately 9 pm.
- Summer service will begin on 5/8/20.
- Niels – How are you doing driver wise?
  - Glenn – We’re doing well. We have about 90 students and employees. Our students are pretty independent, and they help us out. The stress level is high, but morale is pretty high as well.
- ParaTransit Service is running a reduced service with four vans.
- Social distancing has been implemented on the buses as well as in the garage.
  - There are driver safety zones on all of the buses.
  - Rear door only boarding and alighting for passengers who are capable of using the rear doors.
  - Alternative row seating is advised.
  - Passengers are advised to use the buses for essential trips only.
- Ridership nationwide has decreased 75% on most transit systems as a result of the COVID-19 response.
  - Currently UMass Transit is carrying less than 1,000 passengers on a weekday.
- UMass Transit will adjust the schedules with the future plans of the University.
- The bus training program has been impacted with recruitment challenges.
  - Five new buses were ordered, one has arrived and has started the maintenance process before getting on the road.

Jon King, Parking Services Update:

- All permit holders can park in any yellow, purple, green, or blue lot.
  - The red lots and the lower garage are still reserved for permit holders of those locations.
- Parking Services was not considered on-site essential employees, projects have been put on hold.
- Lot 49 Field, Lot 49 Van Meter, and Lot 65 Holdsworth have been postponed allowing for some freed up funds.
  - $978k will be used to cover operating encumbrances.
- Lot 33 expansion is still moving forward to bring more parking spaces.
• Lot 28 creation is still moving forward, but an estimate has not been provided.
  • Glenn – Are the sidewalks going to the north side of the tennis courts, or the south side?
  • Jon – They will be going on the south side, and running to the stairwell on Commonwealth Avenue by the Champion Center.
  • This Lot is designed for the Commonwealth Honors College students with vehicles.
• Potential revenue loss for March through June is $732k.
• Permit refunds for the students have been sent to the Bursars office.
• Mike – By going forward with renewals as planned might that help a little bit with revenue going into the next academic year?
  • Jon – Absolutely, but the revenue that we gain from April through June is about $500k, and the vast majority of students don’t purchase permits until August. Having the $500k would be helpful, but not necessary. I received some push back when mentioning the renewals.
• Tom – Jon, You said the sidewalk is going through the south side of the tennis courts, so it will be running through the south side of the Champions Center?
  • Jon – Yes.
  • Tom – There’s a sign on that staircase that says it’s only a three season staircase.
  • Jon – The students will be able to use it during the winter. We will have it shoveled.

Zoom Meeting Adjourned at 1:24pm