

Campus Parking and Transportation Committee 2016-2017 Annual Report

Charge of committee: Make recommendations to the Vice Chancellor for Operations on the regulation of traffic flow and parking needs on and around campus.

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The committee met a total of 9 times during the 2016-17 academic year.

This academic year marked the end of the use of (most) parking hangtags and the beginning of Tiger Park (NuPark), a system for selling and enforcing parking permissions by license plate. Parking regulations needed to be adjusted to reflect the new system of permissions rather than hangtags. The committee worked with Parking and Transportation Services to update the Traffic and Parking Rules and Regulations. These updated regulations should go into affect in the fall. These parking regulations include, among other things, the fines for specific parking violations.

In the fall of 2016 the committee heard a report from David Lieb of Walker Parking on planning for future parking and transportation needs on campus. The committee also met with Gary Ward, Vice Chancellor of Operations, to talk about his parking and transportation related goals. In the spring Tom Stokes, field operations manager, spoke with the committee about enforcement using the license plate recognition system.

The committee was updated about changes to parking and transportation policies made in response to Walker Parking's recommendations. One of the goals of these changes is to reduce congestion on campus. A number of the most significant changes will not be implemented now because of the fiscal situation. However, some of the recommendations which are relatively inexpensive will be implemented. For example, there will be some innovations to try to make carpooling a more realistic or attractive option and adjustments of some bus routes.

The committee learned of some complications from using license plate recognition to enforce parking regulations at the hospital. Some changes have been made to try to alleviate these issues.

The committee discussed and approved some changes to parking policies, including a change in hours of the Parking and Transportation office, a measured expansion of reserved parking areas, and a reduction in the number of dual permissions.

The committee was regularly updated about construction on and near campus which will affect traffic.

Report submitted by Tanya Christiansen, chair