

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL ON UNIVERISITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES
THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2010
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Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of Minutes for March 11, 2010 Meeting
2. Parking and Transportation Policies
Joshua Kavanagh, Director, Transportation Services
3. New Business
4. Adjournment

Call to Order

Chair Rorabaugh started the meeting at 10:07 A.M.

Approval of the minutes from the March 11, 2010 meeting

The minutes of the March 11, 2010 meeting were approved.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

1. Parking and Transportation Policies (Joshua Kavanagh)

Kavanagh started by presenting an update on the UPASS program and a few handouts including one on the program's finances, their information piece, and proposed Parking and UPASS rates. They hope to have their fee proposal to the Regents by the June meeting. Kavanagh explained that the main increase in cost is due to Metro, which is due to two factors: an uptick in ridership and an increase in farebox recovery. UPASS is subsidized by parking fees. The parking subsidy peaked at approximately \$5 million. Kavanagh shared that the Student UPASS participation rate is at its lowest ever at 72.4%. The principle people leaving the UPASS program are those that walk and bike to campus and had the UPASS as a convenience. As of right now, there is a \$3.5 million gap for next year. They hope to save some of that with an agreement with Metro. They are also planning to change the rate structure of many parking services. One change is to equalize the price of commuter tickets for UPASS and non-UPASS holders. Another change is to have the evening rate start later, but be less expensive. The rate for E1 will be equalized for cash and Husky Card users. Taylor pointed out that the carpool rate will increase 40%. Kavanagh explained that is because of a change in their policy. Currently to get carpool parking, every member must first have a UPASS, while individuals that purchase individual parking get a free UPASS with their parking permit. The new plan will charge more for the carpool, but every member of the carpool will receive a UPASS. Because of this, the 40% increase figure is not really accurate.

Concern was expressed that UW may be reaching the market maximum for parking and Kavanagh feels they are approaching it. Another problem facing the UPASS program is that the city parking tax has been increasing over time. The Council discussed the complimentary UPASSes that come with parking and how they are given out to introduce the program to SOV drivers. Ozubko shares his experience of trying the UPASS and using it more frequently because of the One Bus Away application on his iPhone. The Council also discussed the bike parking and what is and could be done. Kavanagh explained that is important, but every other programs have a means of cost recovery.

Kavanagh also shared some ways in which his office is trying to improve efficiency such as closing the gatehouse by Husky Stadium as well as unifying the job description of gate attendance and parking enforcement.

2. New Business

Ozubko shared information about the pending termination of the Shoseian teahouse Use Agreement between the City of Seattle, the UW Board of Regents, and the Urasenke Foundation of Kyoto. The Shoseian teahouse is in the Washington Park Arboretum. Ozubko shared a letter sent from Bonnie Mitchell, the director of the Urasenke Foundation Seattle branch, to Seattle Parks Superintendent Tim Gallagher. The Council discussed the issue, decided that they are interested in it, and would like more background information.

Adjournment

Chair Rorabaugh ended the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

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Present: **Faculty:** Rorabaugh (Chair), Gates, Little, Ozubko, Taylor, Treser
President's Designee: Kennedy
Ex-Officio Reps: Walker, Zuchowski
Guests: Kavanagh

Absent: **Faculty:** Bichindaritz, Chizeck
Ex Officio Rep: Barker, Albrecht