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FACULTY SENATE
COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING
April 20, 2006 - 3:30 p.m., Bluemont Hall, Room 21 (basement)

Present: Bloodgood, Gormely, Kearns, Schumm, Shubert
Absent: Behnke, Hassan, Oberst, Rowlett, Rys, Simon, Spears, Stadtlander, Yahnke
Visitors: Gary Leitnaker, Darwin Abbott, Frank Spikes, Roger Adams, Jennifer Gehrt, and Tweed Ross

1. Walter Schumm, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. The April 6, 2006 minutes: No quorum was available to vote on this agenda item, therefore, it will be voted on electronically by committee members.

3. Update on Parking Garage – Gary Leitnaker
Gary Leitnaker presented a handout that describes the proposed parking permit rates approved by the Parking Council. The Parking Council has approved the rates; however, they will need to be sent on to administration for final approval. Also, the annual public Parking Council forum will be held on April 27, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. in the Big 12 room of the Student Union at which various items will be discussed including parking rates.

The parking permit rate will still be lower than neighboring institutions even with the increase in cost. The price of permits will increase annually for three years. The cost will increase according to salary. There will be three tiers. Leitnaker briefly discussed the number of university stalls vs. the number of permits sold.

Questions were asked about previous figures on parking permits. There was no price increase for the last two years. Before that it went from $90 to $100. Violation fines will increase as well.

Committee members and visitors commented on the conference parking rates. All agreed the conference rates need to be reevaluated. Only $4 for the entire day seems to be a low figure. Shuttle services were also briefly discussed.

4. Announcements -none

5. Old Business

   A. Strategic Planning – No report
   B. High School Graduation Trends – No report
   C. Housing for visiting Scholars – No report
   D. Chair of FSCOUP for 2006-2007
      A nomination was made verbally prior to this meeting for Tom Herald to be the 2006-2007 Chair of FSCOUP. All nominations must be made on or before the May 4th meeting where a vote will be taken.

6. New Business
Committee members and visitors discussed concern over less housing availability in the near future for a larger population. This led into a discussion regarding better communication between campus planning committees and Faculty Senate. Roger Adams, President-Elect, reported he will be zealously pursuing this during his term as President.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.