

University Planning Committee Meeting
03/20/24
Virtual (MS Teams)

Committee Members:

*Bonnie Burr, Chair, CAHNR, Extension
*Amvrossios Bagtzoglou, Engineering, Civil & Environmental
*Oksan Bayulgen, CLAS, Political Science
*Joanne Conover, CLAS, Physiology & Neurobiology (absent)
*Joe Crivello, CLAS, Physiology and Neurobiology
*Carl Rivers, Office of the Registrar
*Justin Rogowski, Law Library
*Mike Shor, CLAS, Economics
Tutita Casa, Neag School of Education (absent)
Mannat Kadian, Undergraduate Student (absent)
Sean Dunn, Undergraduate Student
Dan Schwartz, Office of the Provost (Ex-Officio Member)

*Senate Member 2023/2024

1. Review & acceptance of [2/19/24 Meeting Minutes](#)
 - a. Minutes approved unanimously.
2. Report on Parking Committee (presented by Ross Bagtzoglou)
 - a. [Notes on parking](#) shared by Ross alongside his report and shared that as his role on the Transportation Advisory Committee (Parking, Transportation, Advisory Committee) he raised concerns around parking on the Storrs campus, particularly those related to construction restrictions. He added that he was informed that south campus parking availability will never return to its pre-construction levels, area 2 has at least 100 available/unused spots on a daily basis, Area 1 is much tighter, and that lot F is greatly underutilized and that it is now serviced by an express shuttle. He also shared that the concourses to the South Garage should be operational by Fall 2024. Overall, the response from the administration (Andy Kelly) is that by this coming Fall, overall parking availability will exceed demand. This report focused only on faculty/staff parking issues and not student commuter parking. Ross recommends that UPC remain engaged and monitor the situation periodically in order to ensure parking availability will improve. Ross opened the floor to questions. Bonnie Burr raised concerns regarding non-permitted cars parking in faculty/staff lots which is further limiting availability. Carl Rivers asked whether there was a conversation about parking costs, and whether they would be reduced due to lot F distance and concerns. Dan Schwartz raised concerns about shuttle wait times in Lot F, particularly for faculty/staff who leave campus late in the day. Bonnie Burr asked the students for their feedback on student parking concerns and Sean Dunn shared details regarding a proposal which states shuttles may end at 10:30 p.m. moving forward which students are concerned about. Justin Rogowski shared concerns about faculty or staff cars being towed due to parking violations and shared a personal story of a colleague who was very negatively impacted by this

action. He stated that it is not an appropriate response and that a payroll deduction or something similar (for unpaid violations) is more appropriate in the case of faculty/staff. Mike Shor shared that he knows that pay deductions take place when tickets are unpaid and was surprised and concerned to hear of the towing of a faculty/staff member's vehicle from campus. Ross added that there has been a privatization of the handling of parking violations on campus which may be impacting responses to these types of situations. Ross thanked the committee for their questions and said he will share many of these with the Parking Advisory Committee.

3. Next Meeting (April 15th):
 - a. Presentation: Procurement & Concur (Joseph Thompson and Peggy McCarthy)
 - b. Following up with the [OVPR report](#)

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.