Welcome: Singla called meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Members Present: Dodovich, Singla, Reed, Gordon, Boley, Mahida, Lee, Mull, Stuck, Hollingsworth, Thatcher, Stetson, Cano, Knapp

Members Absent: Spinrad, Cano, USG Regional Campus representative, Vollmar, Mahida (Klosterman), Mrozek, Smith, Dupaix, Vollmar, Summerhill,

Speaker and Presentation
  • Traffic & Parking – Sarah Blouch
    o Blouch reported that the OSU Strategic Parking Review Committee has been working to put together a strategic plan to better align the rates and usage of parking across campus. She noted the inconsistency in visitor parking areas across campus, and reported that the committee is working to adopt consistent policies.
    o Blouch reported that the committee has approved standard parking rates for varied constituencies of the university and all rates will be applied uniformly with focused consultation over the next two years.
    o Blouch noted that parking rates in the area garages have not increased in the last 20+ years, and the committee is reviewing the rate structure to recommend changes, and the rates will rise by at least $.50 per hour, and will no longer reflect increments of less than a dollar value (i.e., $2.00 per hour versus $1.50). The change will take effect in fiscal year 2007.
    o Blouch reported that prepaid daily garage rates, as well as surface lots would both increase to $5 per day, effective July 1, 2007.
    o Blouch noted that she is putting together a CABS Advisory team to discuss prioritization for use of CABS dollars and new bus routes.
    o Blouch reported that Transportation and Parking would be installing solar powered parking meters/machines to issues parking passes for visitors.
    o In response to a question by Thatcher in regard to where Newark Campus visitors, both parents and student, should park when visiting campus, Blouch responded that they should park in visitor spots, and she would look into selling visitor passes/daily permits to the Newark Campus in order to provide seamless service.
    o Blouch reported that the committee is currently reviewing the start time for evening parking in order to address concerns raised in regard to the lack of parking in certain campus areas. The start time is currently set at 4 pm, and the committee is currently reviewing a request to change the time to 5pm.
Blouch and Hollingsworth noted that the Office of Student Affairs is currently in discussion with the Department of Athletics to determine who is responsible for lot maintenance at the Schott, as it is believed that a verbal agreement was enacted to determine responsibility, and that agreement needs to be reviewed and formalized.

In response to a question by Knapp in regard to whether there is any enforcement around St. John’s arena during high school basketball tournaments, Blouch reported that lots are wholly enforced during that time.

In response to a question posed by Dodovich in regard to the parking situation at the Ohio Union, Blouch reported that persons are getting ticketed for illegal parking, but that T&P is allowing 20-30 of time for loading along the walls of the stadium planters in order to help with the limited parking situation.

In response to a concern raised by Hollingsworth in regard to the inadequate removal of snow from handicap parking spaces, Blouch reported that T&P is working adamantly with university personnel to coordinate better snow removal.

Blouch noted that changes to some campus and COTA bus routes are slated to take place at the beginning of the fall quarter of 2007.

Approved of Minutes from 3.6.07

Cano made a motion to approve minutes from 2.2.07; seconded by Boley. Motion passed

Old Business

None

Subcommittee Reports

Student Affairs

Hollingsworth reported that the Biased Assessment and Response Team (BART) has been formally assembled and is currently meeting to discuss issues of a biased nature, including the recent incidents in Drackett Tower. Hollingsworth also reported that the team now includes 2 student members.

Hollingsworth noted that he met with a group of African American student leaders to discuss their recommendations to improve the quality of life for African American students of the OSU campus, and Hollingsworth has reported that he has agree to work with them on the concerns they listed.
o In response to a question from Boley in regard to the progress on the “Community” program, Hollingsworth reported that efforts are well under way.

Sub A

o Dodovich reported that the task force on outreach to student would be discussed in new business

Sub B

o Boley reported that the committee would prepare a report on diversity to be discussed at the first meeting of the spring quarter

Chair

o Singla reported that the Conduct of Conduct review committee has been formed and is still seeking a faculty member to serve on the team.

Allocations

o The committee is currently discussing fees and facilities, including student’s ability to use various venues. The committee is also discussing the pricing scale of various venues and will continue to work with the Ohio Union to discuss finding and advertising venues to students, as well as pricing. The committee will meet with facilities to gather information on fee scales.

o Singla provided a report on behalf of the allocations committee that detailed approved programs, amount of funds distributed, number of group approved and the number of programs that occurred each quarter. Singla also reported that there is a total of $50,071.00 remaining in the undergraduate operating allocations fund, an $6,9,46.00 in the graduate and professional operating fund.

o In response to a request by Knapp that a member of the allocations committee come in and present a more detailed report regarding the allocations process and the organizations being funded, Singla noted that she would ask a member of the committee to speak at the first meeting of spring quarter.

o In response to a request from Dodovich that the full council be provided with a list of the percentages of requests that are approved versus not approved, Singla said that she would ask a member of the committee to speak at the first meeting of the spring quarter and address Dodovich’s question

o In response to question by Dodovich in regard to how the carryforward would be used, Singla reported that the discussion of the issue is being held in the Student Activity Fee Review committee meetings, and urged full council to deliver their opinions to the committee to ensure that all concerns regarding the fee are properly heard.

o Singla reported that she would request the presence of Sabrina Rosentraub, chair of the allocations committee, at the next full
meeting of council in order to give a report in regard to the allocations committee.

New Business
  o Dodovich motioned to bring forth the final report of the quarter on “Effective Means of Outreaching to Students;” motion was seconded by Lee.
  o After discussion by the committee in regard to the report, Knapp motioned to table the report; motion was seconded by Dodovich. Motion passed

Student Government Reports
  o In the interest of time, Singla requested that reports be brought forth at the next meeting of full council

Announcements
  o None

Adjournment
  o Singla adjourned meeting at 6:08 p.m.