

**Facilities, Support Services and Technology
Committee of Academic Senate
Report for the Academic Year 2008-2009
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The Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee (FSST) of the Academic Senate met six times over the past academic year to address various issues related to the Committee's charge. This committee gathers information for the Policy Committee and Academic Senate in those areas related to the University's physical facilities including parking, issues related to support services and the University's computing infrastructure activities.

Jon Frederick, Director of Parking and Transportation met with our committee in October and again in February. He provided us with a status report on the parking structures, issues that he was dealing with regarding repairs and the impact of budget cuts. He responded to a question about the number of accessible parking spaces in the structures, particularly Rackham. Rackham is a shared structure and staff members using the structure says that if they go out for lunch or other business, no space is available in the handicapped parking slots when they return. New software is being installed that will generate analytics on the use of the structures, track violations and do billing. He is working on an RFP to make the shuttle bus service greener. The Committee received an assessment of the current equipment in Manoogian Hall general classrooms and that regular cleaning will be performed on Fridays and Saturdays.

At the November meeting Nabelah Ghareeb who was one of the co-chairs of the Task Force on Environmental Initiatives (2007-08) and now is serving on the committee to implement the initiatives that were proposed, provided us with an update on what has been accomplished and what was being planned.

In January Jim Sears provided us with an update of his activities. He informed us that he was finishing his second list of proposals for the economic stimulus funds to be submitted to the President's Council. He said by the end of this academic year we will have two silver rated LEED buildings. He is using the lessons learned from them to provide guidance in adapting current buildings to be more energy efficient.

In March the Committee received a preview of the C&IT Services Survey that the Senate heard in April. We also heard how C&IT is also trying to be greener by consolidating servers across campus. This virtualization reduces energy consumption

In April the Committee learned about C&IT's server hosting program which allows for the consolidation of many IT functions such as servers, file servers and e-mail to achieve economies of scale and a consistency in the level of service delivered.

Throughout the year we discussed how we might recycle old computers and make them available to students and how could no longer needed equipment be sold. There was no resolution to this issue.

While technology issues still come up for discussion such as problems in getting the I-phones to connect to the Wi-Fi network; most technology conversations were about the new WayneConnect system and that Blackboard version 9 will make our lives easier. Technology on campus is maturing.

At the conclusion of this academic year, I can say that significant progress has been made in making Wayne State a greener campus.

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