

Wayne State University Academic Senate  
Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee  
Proceedings from the Wednesday April 27, 2022, via Zoom

Present: Linda Beale, Paul Beavers, Melissa Crabtree, Paul Dubinsky, Brian Edwards, Daniel Golodner, Avraham Raz, Jeffrey Withey.

Absent: Faisal Almurfarrej, Elizabeth Drake, Erica Edwards, Nasrin Nesha, Lisa O'Donnell, Mary Paquette-Abt, Michael Samson, Jennifer Stockdill.

Guest: Jon Frederick, Parking and Transport Services

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:32 via ZOOM.
2. The Proceedings from February and March 26 were approved.
3. The committee welcomed Linda Beale for the first time this academic year.
4. As the committee has had two meeting with Facilities on the Renovation of State Hall, we discussed what the next large scale might be. The consensus of those present is that Scott Hall should be high on the list. Beale noted that it depends on a facility priority list. It had taken ten years to get State Hall to the top of the list. The university has a priority list of sorts. Based on the 2019 Frame Work report ([wsu\\_framework\\_report\\_digital\\_appendix.pdf](#)) those would be
  1. Scott Hall
  2. State Hall
  3. Old Main

It was noted that these were based on a report that was over three years old. And no doubt that the issues we have suffered from Covid-19 has had an impact on what the next big project would be.

It was noted that eight to ten years ago the Senate did receive details on specific projects, with costs and timing. Beale stated that she will make sure that this is a priority that she will ask the administration to keep us updated.

5. Jon Frederick joined the meeting to discuss
  1. Shuttles and General Transportation Issues
    - i. He advised the meeting that the shuttles will end this term. They have discontinued in favor of the new Wayne State subsidized DART and MoGo passes, which are free to all enrolled students, as well as full and part-time employees. Students and employees will also have free access to LOGO bikes.
    - ii. This applies to the Q Line that will allow students and faculty to travel between main campus and the Mike Ilitch Business School

- iii. Full details on the routes and elements are available on the Facilities Transportation website. [Campus Shuttles - Parking & Transportation - Wayne State University](#)
- iv. He noted that the passes have no restrictions and can be used seven days a week. The development of these passes was made in conjunction with WSU Economic Development office. This change will allow for some cost saving but it will not be free to the university.

## 2. Parking and Structures

- i. Covid 10 has had an impact on parking revenue.
- ii. They are still doing assessments on which structures need work.
- iii. All of them have issues, including access and elevators.
- iv. He noted that costs were being rolled into the Capital Improvement plan rather than the based-on revenue generated by parking fees.
- v. In addition, he mentioned the Covid Relief funds were a life saver as on campus class restrictions resulted in almost negative revenue generation. As to this point parking had been self-funded with parking fees.
- vi. Parking for students who attend classes at the MIBS is still an issue.
- vii. There will be a number of spaces devoted to electric vehicle (EV) chargers. This involves a partnership with DTE. (No timetable at this time)

## 3. Maintenance and Repairs

- i. Over the past two years they have installed time sensitive LED lights in almost all of the structures.
- ii. There are several structures that have serious concrete degradation. Both his office and Facilities are aware that remedial work needs to take place. Currently, they are compiling a list of which structures need work most urgently.
- iii. Some lots will have sections closed over the summer and early fall. A list will be available later.
- iv. As more classes have moved to online and employees are opting to work from home, he anticipated that some lots will be decommissioned. But had no details of that at this time.
- v. They are also aware that parking lot stripping is many have faded or are facing bleed through of old stripes.
- vi. We were advised that it is a challenge as three of the four companies that we have used in the past are no longer in business.

## 4. Elevators in Parking Structures

- vii. Frederick told us that there are a number of elevators that are on the Capital Plan for modernization.
- viii. This is always a challenge due to the age of the equipment.
- ix. These include
  - a) Parking Structures #1, 2, 4, 5, 7 & 8.

- b) Parking Structure #6 Elevators - Replace two elevators and enclose all lobbies

5. Other

- x. Beale raised the issue of the double space parkers.
- xi. Frederick responded they have been working with Public Safety but like all areas they have limited staff to patrol the issue. However, if we notice if someone is doing it on a regular basis we can call Parking at 313 577 1979 and report the issue.
- xii. Fitzgibbon mentioned the issue with mobile phone access in Structure #2. However, she does have AT&T service which has poor access in general on campus.
- xiii. He noted that faculty had not been charged with parking for the time we were teaching off campus. However, I found out that I had been charged \$273.00 for the 2021 CY.

6. Other Business

- 1. Brian Edwards raised the issue that it would benefit all of those whose research requires or needs cloud resources if the university provided a list or Webpage that showed what was available.
  - i. He noted that it might be a cost saving rather than the university having to maintain dedicated servers and equipment.
- 2. Melissa Crabtree advised that they were conducting research to try an ascertain what those needs might be. She would have James Wurm contact him to discuss.

7. Paul Dubinsky asked the committee if there was anything the university could do about the vacant buildings along Cass. Near the Law School and School of Nursing. They were unsightly and looked bad.

- 1. As it is not university property there is not much we can do at this time.
- 2. Dan Goldner mentioned that they had talked to one of the owners of a boarded up building last year and the issue. Anton Vulaj an owner of one of the sites has been unable to hire staff since closing due to the pandemic.
- 3. It was agreed that though not our responsibility it did have an impact on how we are perceived...

Note: During the meeting, the statement was made that parking costs students about \$2.00 a day to park. Based on the parking fee structure (see attached parking\_area\_data\_8\_1\_2021.pdf) that would appear incorrect. Only two lots have that pricing structure, 6000 Woodward & 6241 Cass Ave. The cheapest per semester charge is \$222.00. To achieve the \$2.00 rate, a student would be to be on campus for 111 visits. This is highly doubtful unless they are a resident. Would strongly recommend that an evaluation of parking usage be undertaken soon to see just how many semester passes are issued and what the average student visit rate is.

Jane Fitzgibbon