T&P Meeting – 9/27/23 – Attendance: Jess Wenger, Kendall Howell, Scott Silsdorf, Chris Faught, Scott Barker, Mark Stanis, Bill Palmer, Chris Joseph (student rep), Bria Friestad

Scott Silsdorf, New Director of P&T – Introduction

Transportation planner/engineer by training

Questions on Read-Ahead

General questions about new parking garages –

 Fontaine – Start construction Spring 2024, potentially – Target early fall 2025

 North Grounds Garage – Interviews happening for design process.

Reasoning for building new garages – parking displacement due to new biomedical facility, have commuter parking function, transit route to accommodate.

Email from Assistant Dean – Issue brought up –

 Graduate students purchase parking, many are paid via stipends – presents a challenge for paying for parking upfront. Payroll deduction not an option. Graduate students don’t get benefits for lower income employees due to non-full time status.

Can explore pay-roll deduction options, as well as possibly monthly billing. Explore other shorter term possibilities, 30 day, by semester, etc. Also helps create incentives for alternative transportation options. Departments also have ability to offset parking costs upfront.

Is there a plan for study abroad students – prorated rates for not full year useage.

Considerations from Collette –

 Parking Regulations Policy – Parking and Transportation would draft suggestions for policy edits. Attempting to make the policy more of a structure, rather than a specific item by item policy. More flexible and less editing/approval needed.

 Send read-ahead 1-2 weeks ahead of time. Plan for January meeting.

 Look at Health System policy – comparative.

 Policy and Procedure structure.

 Parking Policy for Capital Projects – Create an ad hoc committee to discuss changing and enforcing the policy.

 Entities to include: Office of the architect – Capital construction – P&T – FM - To come up with suggestions.

 Reasons policy not enforced – State funding exemption, Contributing in other ways, etc.

Users are expecting and needing parking – as with temperature control, water, etc. Should be funded and considered.

Before next meeting – Suggest ad hoc committee members to Jess Wenger

Silsdorf-ian Trivia – What year and where was the very first parking meter installed?

UTS updates – Students are enjoying the increased frequency across the board.

Hoos Driving – Bus driver shortage. Several steps taken to alleviate the shortage struggle. Working with Pipelines and Pathways on Hoos Driving program.

New FM employees have an English as a second language class opportunity – connect later.

28% attrition rate for UTS drivers full time drivers. Still encourage student drivers and advertise to them.

Student drivers – figure out more ways to market to the student body. Finding the students who are looking. Can definitely discuss options with the Student council.

Student concerns –

Transloc app – Cant see that the buses are full, hard to budget and plan without that information.

Many options that take students northward don’t service Bond/Bice areas. No real way to get to Northgrounds/JPJ. If there is an option for a weekend route that transports students from Bice/Bond to North Grounds/JPJ, maybe even barracks.

RAD – Student Coalition. Make meeting, encourage conversations with students.

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