# **Parking Advisory Committee Meeting (PAC)**

Minutes From: November16, 2023

PRESENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
Chuck Boddy	Bruce Perry	Sharon Paul
Gina Hurny	Zoonash Syed	Robert Bennett
Celso Guitian	Debbie Michaels	Linda Zepp
Christopher Moss	Chizimuzo Nwokike	Grace DeOro
Sam Ferrigno	David Abioye	Chelsea Ezebuiro
Susan McDonough	Jill Vasbinder	Chizimuzo Nwokike
Deevyesdeepak Upadhyaya	Bob Kuhns	David Abioye
Helena Dahlen	Ian Banks	
Juliane Simpson		

#### **CHARGE:**

The PAC is charged with enhancing the faculty/staff/student parking experience at UMBC. The PAC will make recommendations to the Vice President of Finance and Administration for approval.

#### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Faculty Senate
Adjunct Faculty Advisory Committee
Student Government Association
Graduate Student Association
Professional Staff Senate
Non- Exempt Staff Senate
AFSCME
Facilities Management
Director of Parking Services
Chief of Police
Assistant Director of Parking Services

## **GOALS:**

- Review parking rules and regulations and make recommendations changes for consideration.
- Review Parking Services annual objectives and goals.
- Assist with publicizing parking issues and enhancements within the University community.
- Review and recommend capital improvement projects,
- Serve as a liaison between respective Governing bodies and Parking Services.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Welcome Chuck welcomed everyone and encouraged introductions, as there were some new faces.
  - a. Chuck also provided an overview of the Parking Assessment that is currently underway.
- Parking Operations Assessment-Parking and Mobility Survey https://forms.office.com/r/CBWheR6KMD
  - a. Bob Kuhns from Mead & Hunt lead us through an overview of the feedback provided during the 10/16/2023 PAC meeting and how that feedback was used to create the UMBC Parking and Mobility Survey.
    - i. Feedback included; supply and location of parking, shuttle service, fees, towing, and apps.
    - ii. The survey was sent out yesterday (11/15) and as of today's PAC meeting 700+ responses have been submitted and it is taking 8 .minutes/respondent to complete.
  - b. Survey Response Highlights
    - i. 50/50 students, faculty, staff
    - ii. 90% drive to campus
    - iii. 45% come to campus to attend class
    - iv. 20% come to teach or do research
    - v. 35% are staff
    - vi. Average time to arrive on campus is 8am
  - c. The survey data will be used to provide recommendations for improving the parking experience and reducing Green House gas emissions.

## 3. Open Discussion:

- a. Sam shared that there is some ambiguity in survey questions 9 & 10, as they are Likert scale responses but that the response choices are incongruent.
- b. Debbie indicated that parking is very important to folks at UMBC, which may have played a role in why 700+ responses have already been submitted. She also that UMBC has a "commuter school" reputation and that the public transportation options are poor.
- c. Susan agreed with Debbie's comments and added that it is important that we reduce Green House emissions so we need more charging station across campus as well as enhancing mass transportation options. She also indicated that we need to find creative solutions to how to limit the number of cars on campus.

- d. Debbie asked Bob who at UMBC he is working with on the survey because she found it lacking clarity of intent. She also expressed her concerns over the parking assessment being rushed and not given the necessary time and attention it deserves. What happens when it's over, Bob leaves campus and UMBC is left having to deal with the changes.
- e. Julianne responded by saying that every study needs a start and end date and that Bob will simply be providing recommendations-not implementation of them. Julianne also stated that Parking Services does not have the power to make changes that will come from leadership but to make changes data is needed.
- f. Bob and Chuck closed by telling us that all of the feedback provided today in our meeting as well as from other campus constituents via email, will be used to update the survey

### 4. Assessment Outreach

a. There will be a campus-wide forum to share the survey results, identify items not covered by the survey, and to review what is working and what is not working at peer institutions. Date of Forum-TBD

### **NEXT MEETING:**

Spring 2024-TBD