

# PAC MEETING - MINUTES

September 25, 2025

## IN ATTENDANCE:

Gina Hurny, Director, Director, Parking Services

Chief David Fields, Chief of Police, UMBC Police

Major Dan Sexton, Deputy Chief, UMBC Police

Debbie Michaels, UMBC DoIT, AFSCME Union Rep

Gavin Gilliland, UMBC Assistant Director of First-Year Experiences

Nancy Kusmaul, President, UMBC Faculty Senate

Sethu Gokulakrishnan, SGA Representative

Sharon Paul, Non-Exempt Staff Senate

Amanda Scally, Assistant Director Assignment, UMBC Residential Life

Vaibhavkumar Ginoya, Graduate Student Association

Shawn Bearam, SGA Representative

Harry Wilhelm, Assistant Director Parking Services

## MEETING NOTES:

### UPDATES

- Parking Services transitioned to AIMS Parking Management System in May. Although there have been a few hiccups, the transition was quite smooth, and we are working to uncover all that AIMS can do for parking at UMBC.
- System is user-friendly and offers unique opportunities to communicate with other departments. AIMS allows students, staff and faculty to update their accounts
- The renewal process was smooth. The new system has allowed us to greater define permits.
- EV Charging stations are supposed to being early portions of the installation process in the next week or so.

- The new stations are reserved for state vehicles. They will be in lots 9, 26 and 31.
- The system will be laid out to allow for future expansion.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- The biggest issue Parking Services is facing is student parking. Commuters have been challenged to find spaces throughout the beginning of the semester
- Some offer the suggestion of a garage to help. The issue with this is two-fold.
  - A. Cost of an above ground garage is \$40,000 per space added
  - B. Garages will not be built on the center of campus but instead on the outskirts in the areas students already don't want to utilize
- Complex issue. The primary goal is to create a plan that students will get behind and will allow the university to retain and attract students
- We re-zoned 27 spaces in front of Walker Apartments to A Parking. These spaces were given to Walker on a short-term basis, and they underutilize lot 21
- Lot 23 was converted from C Only to A/C Combination
- Lot 24 is now an overflow for students. This has not filled since the change was made.
- Lots of feedback submitted with ideas. The challenge is the cause and effect of changing spaces.
- Previously, freshman residents averaged 275 spaces on campus. Today, they average 500+.
- Floated the idea of moving residents to 25 but Renique Kersh, Vice President of Student Affairs opposes this and the students having to go so far for their vehicles.
- The current solution is a temporary fix.
- Debbie Michael suggested usage of Satellite Lot and Shuttles but there are several hurdles for that including security and available shuttle vehicles
- The idea of no cars for First-Year Residents has been floated
- Amanda Scally suggested staff having the option to park at South Campus at a reduced/free rate
- A task force is being created to come up with a long-term solution.
- Any changes to staff parking need to be discussed with the union.
- Contractor parking should be moved off campus
- Limiting permits has been discussed but would require changing how students pay for permits and transit. Students would pay at time of permit issuance
- VAIB was concerned over the counter at Commons. Gina discussed the counter is being replaced

- The idea of an on-demand shuttle at South Campus has been discussed. Logistics and lack of buses are the biggest challenges with this idea.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Guest codes as we know them to be eliminated in 2026, Pay Stations to also be removed.
- Payments for pay-to-park spots will need to be made using Park Mobile. This is the only app that we use for parking.
- New visitor parking system will be tested later this year with three lots and rolled out campus-wide in 2026.
- New system will guide visitors to the lot they need. This will expand the reach of visitor spots
- Will be able to be used in more lots than the original 5 visitor lots
- Towing/Booting policies are in place and the goal is to roll this out by the start of 2026
- Booting and Towing last defense
- Parking Services is also working to introduce new cameras and a new counter system.

## Open Discussion

- Shawn discussed that Walker residents weren't notified of removal of 27 spaces
- Parking is aware of communication challenges and working to come up with solutions
- If anyone would like us to speak to any group, Parking Services will be happy to send a rep

## Future Meeting

- Gina discussed the potential for a November follow-up meeting.