

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Budget Committee
Hofstra University Senate
Monday, December 9, 2019**

Present: Craig Burnett, Kathleen Wallace, Geoff Tarson, Joseph Barkwill, Karen O’Callaghan, Richard Apollo, Elisabeth Ploran

Meeting began at 9:05am.

Motion to approve minutes of last meeting with amendment with Geoff Tarson added to the ‘present’ list. Motion approved unanimously.

Parking Concerns – Discussion with Joe Barkwill (Facilities and Operations) and Karen O’Callaghan (Public Safety)

- Enforcement Issues
 - o Many people do not have tags, which makes enforcement somewhat difficult
 - o Gates are helpful, but they do break (sometimes by students/faculty/staff)
 - This may take a long time to fix, but outsourcing the maintenance of the gates may help
 - o Heavy enforcement can lead to a decline in the relationship between students and Public Safety
 - Priority is to make sure students do not see Public Safety as adversarial; students need to trust and rely on Public Safety for support
- Discussion of Potential Solutions
 - o Residential students park closely, have considered moving them farther away from the center of campus (Stuyvesant Lot)
 - o A shuttle bus was in effect, but it can be terribly slow crossing the turnpike and making the loop around campus
 - Ended up being lightly used
 - o Paying for parking
 - Possibly just for premium spots
 - Expectations would rise if people paid, leading to an increased need for enforcement
 - Likely would not solve the problems
 - Not actively under consideration
 - o Better signage
 - Right now, the signs are limited or not obvious
 - Actively working on increasing signage and its visibility
 - o Additional gates
 - Startup costs are reasonable, but maintenance costs are substantial
 - A third party vendor may make additional gates possible
 - Would likely require an upgrade to Hofstra IDs, costing money
 - o New software/devices for ticketing
 - This would speed up the process of enforcing parking

- Would help make it easier to more comprehensive enforcement
 - A bike share program, such as CitiBike, has been considered
 - Flow of traffic makes it impractical
 - Do not want to encourage bikes going over Unispan
 - Also do not want to encourage students to cross the turnpike with a bike
 - Not actively under consideration
 - Underground parking and a parking structure
 - These solutions are exceptionally expensive, at least \$25,000 a spot
- Adopted Solutions
 - Targeted enforcement weeks
 - Public Safety, after a grace period of two weeks, will let the campus community know that enforcement will begin
 - Public Safety will select a week, likely week three, to enforce parking aggressively
 - Goal is to reinforce parking norms, give impression that enforcement is widespread and ongoing
 - Additional signs will go up soon
 - Possibly more gates
 - Will look into time-limited spaces (e.g., ideal for adjunct faculty), but lack of enforcement ability means implementation is less likely
 - Encourage faculty, staff, and students to be good neighbors and respect the parking rules
 - A “wait and see” approach
 - With the new campus schedule likely going into effect in Spring 2021, acute parking issues will likely alleviate
 - Planning and Budget will revisit the issue after the new schedule has taken root

No new business was brought up.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and approved. The meeting concluded at 10:15am.