

# University Life Council

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 9:00 AM

## Zoom

## Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Visit by Director of Parking, Jason Jones
3. Adjourn

## Attendance

Lawrence Schell

Ilka Kressner

Bridget Collins

Kate Averett

Carly Galbraith

Jason Jones (guest parking)

Kenneth Levine

Clarence McNeill

Marie Rabideau

Moriah Hampton

Todd Foreman

Heidi Reale

Ariel Zylberman

## Meeting Minutes

- For the benefit of the members who had not attended before, LS lead the charge of this Council and recapped the newness of this group and its direction moving forward- this will be the last meeting of Spring 2023, resume in Fall 2023
- Jason Jones – parking management
  - o Highlights since 2014
    - Modernized bus system
    - Moved Buildings to new, more secure permanent space
    - Dropped citations from 15k to 9k over 10 years
    - Improve parking access and availability

- Currently in phase 1 of implementation with next phases improvement in technology
      - Looking to improve technology and new parking system to be rolled out over the next 10-14 months
- o Issue 1- Guest Passes
  - JJ
    - Validation codes can be requested from [parking@albany.edu](mailto:parking@albany.edu) using an IFR/University account number, this gives access to a 5-6 digit code
    - Emailed PDF pass from parking management that a guest can print and put on dashboard
    - \$5 per guest pass
    - Hard copies of parking passes are still available but being phased out
    - Will follow up with options to obtain guest pass in email to group after this meeting
      - o Request to update website so that a validation code is 1 click away for a faculty member to use for guests
- o Issue 2- Lack of Short-Term Parking
  - Need for 5-15 minute short term parking for “run in run out” situations
  - Seeking to move away from interior parking of campus- making core of campus walking, biking, access
    - Need for both car in and outs and university vehicles
  - Looking to address this issue in Phase 2 of parking (proposed summer 2024) – this will be the roll out of license plate recognition technology and no longer using physical parking passes
  - Handicap parking is determined by equation for building code (federal/state law)- therefore, cannot be transformed into short term parking
    - Meter conversations to allow faculty use are much more reasonable for short term parking for short term building access
- o Issue 3- Access to parking management building (appointment making)
  - January 2022: transitioned to appointment system due to needing to balance online business with in-person business
  - Appointments every 30 minutes with 14 minutes in advanced notice available
    - Allows workflow control
    - Allows for control of physical area /space of office
    - Security barrier for staff for inappropriate behavior of patrons

- Asking to make appointment so staff can be prepared – this will be transitioned to new system next summer in online portal using license plate recognition.
  - Main issue is “emergency” situations when taking a rental/ other car to campus but the process is cumbersome in an emergency
  - Thinking of adjunct faculty as well who might not keep traditional hours.
  - Looking for button on website to make it easier to make an appointment.
  - Consider an emergency window walk up
  - Some website work is needed as the 'simple button" to arrange an appointment is only on the Parking & Mass Transit homepage and not on the Parking homepage which is where a search for 'parking' takes one.
- TF, JJ, introduced parking and mass transit advisory committee (meets 6-8 times a year) CSEA, UUP, Grad, and Undergrad all sit on committee and review parking management are all represented,
- 10 am meeting adjourned
- Possible May Meeting Jillian will send follow up invite for ULC