TRANSPORTATION and PARKING COMMITTEE September 11, 1997

Present: Pat Ballard, Becky Brim, Lt. Palmer Caldwell, Jennifer Gibson, Curtis Lynch, Laurie Martinson, Deborah Mayo, Steve Mouras, Cliff Shaffer, J.B. Sutphin, and Terry Wildman

The first meeting of the Transportation and Parking Committee for 1997-98 was called to order by former chair, Pat Ballard.

Announcements: Pat expressed a word of welcome and thanks to the members of the committee for their participation.

Approval of May 5, 1997 minutes: Pat reminded the committee that the May minutes were approved by means of e-mail soon after the May 5 meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Officers for 1997-98: First item of business to select officers for the coming year. Dr. Cliff Shaffer volunteered to be chair of the committee for the coming year. Pat agreed to ask Wyatt Sasser (who was absent today - let that be a lesson) to act as Vice Chair and Becky Brim (having a weak moment) agreed to be Secretary with the assistance from Pat. The minutes are to reflect that the Vice Chair is contingent upon acceptance by Mr. Sasser. This slate of officers was unanimously approved by those present. [Note that Mr. Sasser did subsequently agree to become Vice Chair.]

Handicap spaces at War Memorial Gym Area - Terry Wildman: After some discussion on the number and size of the handicap spaces near War Memorial Gym and usage, Steve Mouras and Curtis Lynch agreed to evaluate and report back to the committee as to whether there are too many handicap spaces and/or if spaces are too large, and make recommendations to committee.

Parking Meters at War Memorial Gym Area -- Terry Wildman: A lengthy discussion as to the number of parking meters at War Memorial Gym and other areas on campus ensued. Apparently faculty feel if they use the 90 minute meters and then have to pay a $10 fine - for expired meter time - they are being penalized. Specifically, the faculty would like to have fewer parking meters for the convenience of parking all day on a parking tag. Steve and Curtis will also investigate and bring recommendation back to the committee on this issue as to parking meter usage in this specific area.

HOV Commuter Parking - where do we take it from here? Jennifer Gibson reported that students were glad that the HOV parking area had reverted back to normal student parking. However, she would like to do and plans to do a survey to get student input as to whether HOV Parking should be available to students or whether it will become a dead issue. Jen asked to share the survey with the committee for input (a one-page survey). Curtis had worked with Jen on the survey instrument. Committee members will receive the survey for review, and Jen is encouraged to proceed to work with the students and get some viable statistics.
BT Advisory Committee: No report, no representative.

Faculty/Staff Parking (New Agenda Item) - Deborah Mayo: Deborah has received several concerns regarding Faculty/Staff parking - the lack thereof, and suggestions for possible ideas of change. Some discussion followed with no concrete solutions reached. This will be an on-going item for future meetings.

NOTE: Steve Mouras shared with the committee that as the university continues to grow and expand, construction of new buildings continues to reduce parking. The university will be looking into the feasibility of satellite parking and/or construction of parking decks.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brim

To Do List (before first 1997-98 meeting): NO REPORT AT SEPTEMBER MEETING

1. Subcommittee to investigate and make recommendation on the Circular Bus/Bus Southgate Area will consist of Cindy Harrison, J.B. Sutphin, Steve Mouras and Mike Connlley.

2. Subcommittee to investigate and make recommendation on the issue of TA Hang-Tags will consist of representatives of the Graduate School (Dr. Eaton/Dr. Johnson), Curtis Lynch, Pat Ballard, Ed Davis, Cindy Harrison.

To Do List (as result of first 1997-98 meeting):

1. CONFIRM: A set time for the Transportation and Parking Committee to meet during the coming year.

2. Steve Mouras and Curtis Lynch to review the Handicap Spaces at War Memorial Gym

3. Steve Mouras and Curtis Lynch to investigate Parking Meter usage and number at War Memorial Gym

4. Faculty/Staff Parking - consider ideas for change.

To keep the Committee focused and as a reminder of the purpose the following will always be a part of the monthly minutes.

Transportation and Parking Committee
Members are selected from a cross section of the university population (faculty, staff, students, and parking administration) to be informed regarding the transportation and parking function and when appropriate to express special needs or problems for their constituents. Members of the committee should also be briefed on significant changes and future plans regarding transportation and parking systems and rules. Members of the committee may make recommendations regarding transportation and parking.

Recommendations should first be made to the parking manager and subsequently to the Commission on University Support if deemed appropriate.

Meetings are called at the discretion of the committee chair to discuss issues and to be updated by transportation and parking representatives.