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WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

AGENDA

MEETING NOTICE: Monday, September 14, 1998
Room 107 CH 3:30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- I. Call of the Meeting to Order
- II. Informal Statements and Proposals
- III. Approval of the Minutes
- IV. President's Report
- V. Committee Reports
 - A. Rules - A. J. Mandt, Chair
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
 - A. Wichita State University Parking Plan
Roger Lowe, Vice President Administration & Finance
John Gist, Director of Facilities Planning
- VIII. As May Arise

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Elmer Hoyer	President	6314	Box 44
JoLynne Campbell	Vice President	5653	Box 43
Nan Myers	Secretary	5138	Box 68
A. J. Mandt	President Elect	3375	Box 102
William Terrell	Past President	3220	Box 78
ELECTED BY THE SENATE			
Deborah Baxter		3103	Box 53
Dwight Murphey		3219	Box 77
APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT			
Barbara Hodson		3240	Box 75

Wichita State University Faculty Senate: Minutes, September 14, 1998

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alagic, Bahr, Bajaj, Baxter, Born, Brooks, Burns, Campbell, Carroll, Celestin, Cheraghi, Chopra, DeLillo, DeSilva, Gythiel, Hawley, Hodson, Hoyer, Huntley, Kelly, Klunder, Kraft, Kuchment, Kuhn, Lancaster, Larson, Mandt, Miller, Murphey, Myers, Paarmann, Patton, Pfannestiel, Quantic, Robarchek, Rokosz, Schommer, Steinke, Stevenson, Terrell, Trechak, Toops, Wine, York, Zettle

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bennett, Byrum, Chandler, Jackson, Papanicolaou, Rogers, Rosenthal, Sharp

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

SUMMARY OF ACTION:

1. Joyce Cavarozzi elected to replace Fred Benson as a Senator At Large.

Fred Kraft elected to the Rules Committee.

2. Motion passed to take the parking plan to the general faculty meeting on Sept. 30.

3. Added the Proposed Parking Plan to the General Faculty meeting agenda.

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by JoLynne

Campbell, Vice President of the Faculty Senate. President Hoyer was present, but recovering from an illness. Thus, the meeting was led by Vice President Campbell.

II. INFORMAL STATEMENTS & PROPOSALS: None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of August 31, 1998, were approved as distributed.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Hoyer reported the following:

A. He has appointed Senator Dwight Murphey to be Parliamentarian.

B. The 24 Hour Race Against Hunger is scheduled for September 25/26. Contact Bobbi Dreiling, coordinator, in the Senate Office or Sukura in Multi-cultural Student Affairs, 3075.

C. General Faculty Meeting on September 30 at 3:30 p.m., HH207, Modifications of the General Education Curriculum will be presented. Possibly the Parking Plan could be on this agenda.

D. Status of Presidential Search - The committee has four names which will be recommended to the Regents during their meeting September 16-17. The candidates will visit the WSU campus on October 1-3. During that time, meetings will be arranged so that all faculty can meet them.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Rules Committee: A. J. Mandt, Chair, presented the following:

1. Fred Kraft was nominated to a three year term of the Rules Committee.
2. Joyce Cavarozzi was recommended to replace Fred Benson in the at large Senate vacancy. All were accepted.

Mandt asked that the Colleges of Health Professions and Education caucus, and submit recommendations for Senate vacancies occurring within these colleges.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Wichita State University Parking Plan: Vice President Campbell introduced Roger D. Lowe, Vice President for Administration and Finance, and John Gist, Director of Facilities Planning. Campbell asked that they limit their presentation to 30 minutes, that questions be saved for the discussion period, and that questioners limit their discussion to three minutes each.

John Gist described the plan. He began with improvements at the Metropolitan Complex that will include: constructing an entrance from Oliver, expansion of parking to add 60 parking places in one area and 484 in another. This will provide a total 918 parking places. They will create three recreational intramural playing fields. Two of these can have four softball fields superimposed over them when needed. He described other improvements needed on the property, i.e., drainage plan, grading plan, parking, and a road. He stated that the grading can be done this year, and they will hopefully start the parking lots this year too.

Gist then moved to the plans for the main campus and referred to the 1994 comprehensive parking study done for WSU. One recommendation from that report was to use the Heskett Center playing fields for parking. The study suggested use of all the fields, but, the President's Executive Council wanted to retain one of the fields to accommodate soccer and softball. Parking will be on the south half, with an entrance from Perimeter Road. This will add about 400 spaces. This work would be completed prior to the renovation of existing parking lots.

Another element of the planned improvements is the University street system. There has been a problem with the Hillside entrances. The long-range plan is to complete Perimeter Road on the west side of campus to intersect with Alumni Drive on the south side and a new entrance to Hillside on the north. This will allow the reconfiguration of Parking Lot 4 to increase spaces. The small

parking area north of Weidemann will become part of Lot 4. Lot 8 will be accessed differently, from the north.

Gist stated that they are talking about major renovation to existing lots, tearing up what is there and starting over. The old parking lots were built in the 1960's and are now not sufficient, being in need of a good stabilized subbase. When the subbase replacement is complete, they would reconfigure Lot 1, and expand

Lot 16 to the west and south. With this, the University will gain 300 more spaces.

Lots 2 and 3 will receive major maintenance. They will reconstruct Lot 3 and provide a new layout with a better defined route for pedestrians for Lot 2. Other lots proposed for major maintenance: Lots 6, 7, 10. The plan to raze the communications building will also provide additional parking in Lot 25. This will be a phased project over three years to minimize campus disruptions. Much of the work will be done in the spring and summers. When done, they will have added a total of 1079 spaces since the parking study (includes redo of lots at the WheatShocker Apartments). The 1994 study indicated that we need to add 1027 spaces to provide an adequate supply.

Roger D. Lowe then presented the financial details on how they plan to accomplish the work. He first pointed out that the work being done at the Metro Complex has nothing to do with the financial plan he is presenting today, those improvements will be accomplished with mill levy funds and volunteer work.

Lowe summarized the estimated Project Costs, which total \$6,434,143. He then reviewed estimated revenues which will allow the project to proceed. Parking Permits to Faculty and staff are estimated to total \$143,676. The top cost for any student would be \$50.00 per semester, based on \$5.50 per credit hour, up to a cap of \$50.00 at 10 hours. Everyone at 10 hours or above would pay \$50.00. They will need approximately \$1 million to service the operating costs and debt service expenses. Other revenue will come from parking fines, athletic and cultural tickets, meter parking, for a total of \$1,334,750. In developing these estimates, Lowe stated that they began with concept that all users would pay.

Additional budget breakdown for FY 2000 includes Expenditures (\$539,073), Debt service for \$7.385 million (\$645,503), Annual reserve for maintenance/construction (\$100,000). and Net revenue over expenditures (\$50,174). The University Administration will ask the Board of Regents on October 15 for authority to sell bonds in the amount no to exceed \$7.5million.

Lowe then reviewed some details of the plan:

- * When students drop courses, parking money will be refunded, when credit hours are increased, parking charges will also.

- * All affiliated associations (Bryan Travel, Aramark, Credit Union, etc.) will be charged.

- * They plan to begin charging faculty and staff on January 1, 1999, although this may be changed to July 1, 1999.

* Approximately 34 individuals will have the option to purchase reserve spaces for \$390/yr.

* If a department needs a reserve space, they will charge the department.

* Miscellaneous parking rates for senior citizens and other regular users will be \$35/sem and \$25 in summer.

* Regular users of the Heskett Center can use a meter or buy a miscellaneous permit.

* The same plan will be available for retired faculty and staff.

* Campus athletic and fine arts events for which tickets are sold will incorporate a parking fee to cover the parking in the form of a 50-cent surcharge added on to tickets.

* A person who is half time or greater on the faculty or staff, plus taking classes, will pay the faculty/staff rate (not the student rate) for parking.

* For Adjunct Faculty, who teach without pay, the college will pay their parking.

* Guests can come on campus without charge (for the Science Olympiad, etc.)

* Students who take courses at the 3 campus centers will also pay parking fees. Same for faculty/staff employed at centers.

* NIAR will be charged for reserving their lot.

* The Credit Union will be charged \$1,000 a year for their parking spaces. This area will not be metered because users will be us, who are already paying parking.

* High school student, currently enrolled, will be charged if the student fee is assessed for high school students. Currently student fees are not assessed for these students.

Regarding the timing of the proposed parking plan, Lowe stated that President Hughes wanted to complete some unfinished business prior to his retirement. Also, the Metro Complex recently became available to us and allowed the project to be started by developing play fields at that location..

Questions from the Faculty/Answers from Lowe and Gist:

Q: How many metered parking spaces are planned? A: Estimated 155. Visitor spaces will now become metered at the library, the art museum, Heskett, etc.

Q: What provisions are there for lighting the fields at the Metro Complex? A: They are advocating lighting, but have some considerations from neighbors.

Q: What is the impact on neighboring streets to the University? A: Since some of WSU's students have always parked in side streets, not much may change. We will have to see.

Q: What input have faculty and staff had in suggestions so far? A: That's why we are here. We have met with the Classified, Unclassified Professional, and Student Senates as well. This is the last planned meeting.

Q: Can what you are proposing be adjusted? A: Yes.

Q: If this body were to offer some suggestions, what time frame are we looking at? A: The agenda is due September 22 for the Board of Regents meeting. Legislative initiatives are approved by the Regents in November and legislation will need to be approved prior to selling the bonds.

Q: Will there be a process for tagging a 2nd or 3rd vehicle? A: Yes, we are working on this.

Q: Is there any possibility the University might acquire the lot across the street north of baseball field. A: This land is owned by the university, but there are some restrictions on use.

Q: Jardine, Fiske, and McKinley Halls have already lost parking spaces. What plans are there for giving back the spaces taken for rerouting of Alumni Drive? I.e, designated parking for faculty? A: Some will be added in the Duerksen lots and we are studying this further.

Q: Doubts were raised about the basic premise that all users should pay. Why should faculty and staff be seen as users? In fact, we are providers. Why should we be taxed on our salaries. If other universities do this, maybe faculty and staff there are compensated more. A: We have had a good thing for a long time. If we did not charge faculty and staff, charges to students would jump another \$143,000. Lowe stated he can take that recommendation back if you want.

Q: What about the possibility of additional parking at the Metroplex and run 10 minute shuttle buses from there, instead of taking the parking from Heskett fields, which are very attractive? Also, are there any NCAA requirements for baseball teams to warm up? A: This could be considered. As the plan is now presented, baseball warmups are satisfactory.

Q: What about dental hygiene patients, who are indigent and often physically handicapped? How will their parking be handled? And, when the Clinic is not open, those patient spaces are currently made available to faculty and staff. How will this be handled? A: These spaces will be

reserved by metered parking. Patients can be given tokens by the Clinic.

Q: We are paying a tax for parking. Only a marginal amount of the money we are paying is going to improve our parking spaces. Many spaces were lost in the rerouting of Alumni Drive. Putting in more lots north of Heskett looks like the baseball program will have more parking. A: The parking plan is a much larger picture than providing additional parking for the baseball program.

Q: If we have known about this need since 1994, why are you just coming to faculty, staff and students for input? We are now too close in for proper action. A: The administration had to get all the estimates of costs / revenues in before making presentations.

Q: Is it possible to postpone this whole project for one year? Could a university committee be formed to study the parking plan? A: Lowe stated that it could be done. However, President Hughes wanted to complete this before he left.

Q: Might not waiting have a more positive impact in the long run? We have been shown a completed plan. Why can we not have more input into the plan - can't it be studied? Shouldn't the new president be consulted? A: Lowe will report this back.

Q: With a dialogue between the leadership of students, faculty and staff, that is the consultation of various groups, we might come to a totally different conclusion. We all have different "use" of utilities. Faculty are sometimes here for 20-40 years. We will have more "use" and pay for

many, many years. If we have to pay, faculty should have better chance to find a spot to park. If tickets are boosted \$.50 ea, how will that be administered? A: Lowe acknowledged administering the parking at events for which ticket prices are boosted will be difficult but will not be materially different from what we do now. Regarding the need for faculty to actually be able to find spots for parking in their own lots, he stated that he is working with the Chief of Campus Police to provide a study of lot usage.

Since it was after 5:00 PM, the discussion ceased. A motion was made to take the parking issue to the general faculty meeting on September 30. The motion passed with no dissent.

VIII. AS MAY ARISE

A proposal was made that the Faculty Executive Committee meet with other executive committees of campus constituencies. President Hoyer said he would do this and report back to the senate.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nan Myers

Secretary