

Minutes  
Administrative Council - College of Education and Behavioral Sciences  
Thursday, April 18, 2002 – 9:00 a.m.  
First Floor Conference Room, Potter Hall

Members present: Adams, Evans, Cooke, Ecton, Filip, Fong, Haggbloom, M. Hartz (representing Advisory Council), Metze, Mikovch, Moore, Nims, Phelps, Poe. The Parking Committee was represented by Randy Deere, Gene Tice, Mike Wallace, John Osborne, Robert Deane, Karl Laves, and Doug Ault.

As Chair of the Long-Range Master Plan Committee, Dr. Tice explained that Committee's relationship in working closely with the Parking and Traffic Committee. He outlined the University's current plans for parking and building construction and discussed some of the issues surrounding the University's master plan and parking. With the completion of the new technology building, 60-70 new parking spaces will be added to the area around Tate Page. In addition, spaces will be available in the SkyPac area close to the top of the hill. Expansion is being studied for the Egypt and University Boulevard lots as well. He noted that the gated lot in the science area will be permanently eliminated, leaving only two gated lots on campus.

Dr. Tice indicated that the campus master plan calls for moving toward a pedestrian campus with most interior traffic eliminated. The potential exists to use part of the Chestnut Street area for parking, although it will continue to be maintained for construction related uses as well. Also, the renovation of Diddle Arena has caused the loss of 200 spaces. When asked about some students not being allowed to have cars on campus, he responded that that was not a viable option.

Dr. Phelps strongly urged that consideration be given to aesthetics of this end of campus and keeping some green space around Tate Page Hall. Also stressed was the point that many CEBS faculty and staff are service oriented and need to be able to come and go during the day, with little time to spend searching for a parking space. Mr. Hartz gave a presentation on the recommendation made by the Faculty/Professional Staff Advisory Council. He gave rationale for leaving the gated lot where it is currently located and overselling the spaces. Also addressed in the presentation was the need for enforcement of parking regulations as well as a suggestion to gate all faculty and staff parking areas on campus, which would cut down on parking violations.

Another discussion point centered around the problems encountered by graduate students who come to class at night and a solution for that situation. It was pointed out that many of the graduate students are school administrators and teachers who are critical to Western's recruitment efforts. Accommodating these students will have far-reaching effects on enrollment and recruitment.

Dr. Tice indicated that the money originally slotted for parking across University Boulevard and the railroad tracks is now available for use by the Parking Committee.

Following further general discussion, individuals were thanked for their attendance and input, and the meeting was adjourned.

Cathie Bryant, Secretary