

TSAC Minutes
May 1, 2019

Present:

Ms. Ashali Chimata (Ms. Regan McGill)
Mr. Bill Cox
Mr. Purna Doddapaneni
Dr. Zachary Grasley
Dr. Eleanor Green (Ms. Misty Skaggs)
Ms. Erin Jones
Mr. Peter Lange
Dr. Clint Magill
Ms. Katie Morris (Mr. Michael Jaillet)
Mr. Chris Nygren
Ms. Renee O'Banion
Mr. Robert Pottberg
Dr. C.J. Woods
Ms. Deborah Wright

Absent:

Dr. Fuller Bazer
Mr. Andy Deuel
Mr. Joe Dillard
Dr. Julie Harlin
Dr. Angie Hill Price
Dr. Andrew Klein
Ms. Flora Reeves

Guests:

Mr. Jett Black
Mr. David Brown
Mr. Eric Mendoza
Ms. Lisa Pierce

1. Mr. Peter Lange opened the meeting at 11:43 a.m., and asked the committee to review the minutes from the April 3, 2019 meeting. Dr. Clint Magill motioned for approval of the minutes as presented, Mr. Chris Nygren seconded; minutes approved.

2. Ms. Debbie Hoffmann discussed loading and unloading on Jones Street by the All Faiths Chapel, Henderson Hall and the north-area residence halls. Jones Street is a one-way street for vehicle traffic and bi-directional for bikes. When someone parks on the right hand curb, bike traffic has to move over, which has caused safety issues. Furthermore, when parkers get in the way, our buses become backed up there. That area has been a long-standing component of our move-in and out loading and unloading plans. But because of the hazards and safety concerns our constituents have presented, we are removing Jones Street from those plans. We will use Lots 30, 32, and 20 as alternative options.

3. Ms. Hoffman also discussed Lot 19 near Hart Hall. We need to add a fire lane to the new SSB. As a result, most Lot 19 spaces were eliminated, except ADA, and some motorcycle and service vehicle parking. We are working on alternative solutions for Hart Hall parking, to include some options for access to Central Campus Garage.

4. Mr. Kenny Kimball and Ms. Lynn Wiggs gave a short overview of their work with an internal License Plate Recognition (LPR) Working Group, which will be meeting for about 6-8 months. The group is addressing efficiency of our processes and services and how we can best implement LPR on our campus. There is no other university of our size implementing LPR or offering the suite of services we do. When we move to campus-wide LPR, we want to make sure we maintain or improve our level of service to our customers in all areas.

4.1. Mr. Lange mentioned that we have been using LPR at the RELLIS campus successfully. When the suite of extra services is added, however, things become more complicated.

4.1.1. Ms. Hoffmann added that we are learning from our experience at RELLIS about some of the complex, cumbersome issues we may face, such as small groups arriving as campus visitors, different combinations of parkers, and online reserved parking.

4.1.2. Mr. Kimball said RELLIS is a good platform to test ideas and choices and report back to TSAC for feedback and implementation.

4.2. Dr. Zach Grasley asked if there is a commitment to a LPR-only campus, or if we are going to weigh options.

3.2.1. Mr. Kimball said it will probably be a combination of options; we will use LPR where it makes sense.

4.3. Dr. Grasley asked for an explanation of the advantages of LPR.

3.3.1. Mr. Lange called it a “force multiplier.” We can get out and enforce much more quickly with LPR than using our T3 vehicles, bicycles, and walking through lots. The data we receive in real time helps us to manage our resources more accurately and efficiently.

5. Mr. Dell Hamilton and Ms. Therese Kucera gave an in-depth presentation about LPR technology. See presentation: <http://transport.tamu.edu/About/tsac.aspx#presentations>. The presentation generated some general questions and good discussion about the technical capabilities of LPR, and how it helps our enforcement efforts.

6. Mr. Lange thanked the student, faculty, and staff members represented and those who couldn't attend for their contributions this past year. He concluded the meeting at 12:55 pm.

The next meeting will be Sept 4, 2019, Rudder 301
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