

Impact/Space Committee Minutes

Tuesday August 6, 2013

Parking Consultants Presentation:

- The TrafInfo parking consultants made a presentation on their findings from the traffic study done at both campuses.
- According to the consultants, we do not have a lack of spaces, but rather a parking management issue.
- Some lots and perimeter spaces are not being fully utilized
- Once we start to manage who parks where and we have a procedure down, we will have better control over who uses what lots and other parking logistics.
- Recommendations at the Haverhill campus include reducing the demand at the Spurk lot by 100, reducing vehicle/pedestrian conflict on College Ave, improving upon pedestrian and handicap accessibility, and improving general maintenance and security.
- Recommendations for the Lawrence campus include adding 90-100 spaces to accommodate increased demand, implementing parking demand management measures, improving upon pedestrian areas along Franklin and Common St, and general maintenance and security measures.

Parking Policy Update:

- During the fall semester, it will be an educational process, but we are expecting everyone to sign up within the first month. We will be more tolerant in the beginning but policies will be enforced by the late fall.
- By the middle of October, it is fully expected that things will be running as the policy states.
- College will be working on better snow removal in parking lots and pedestrian areas. We have new snow removal equipment that will make things easier.
- Martha Leavitt has been working with the city of Lawrence to get trees removed on Common Street to make walkways better and safer for pedestrians.
- Decal colors will change by semester for Students and Adjunct Faculty.

Food Service Update:

- Keep sending NexDine reviews to Erin. We will be sharing all reviews with them to help better the college's food services.
- NexDine has an exclusive deal with Papa Ginos, so we can order pizza and salads directly through NexDine.
- Lawrence food services will be run through Sal's and potentially catering through NexDine
- Both of the new food services will be up and running by the start of classes.

New Information for Students:

- We will be mailing a postcard out to students outlining the new updates and changes to campus that have been happening over the summer. This includes the parking policy, food services, ID's, the bookstore, and the new shuttles.
- The postcard will have simple bullet points and will direct students to our website to find out more information.

UMass Lowell Update:

- UML has not yet returned their contract but we do expect it back soon.
- We will be working with UML on ID's. Their ID's will say "UMass Lowell at NECC"

Welcome Center Update:

- The finishing touches are being put on the bid specifications packet.
- The builders will coordinate with school opening because construction will still be going on when students return.

Signage Committee:

- Committee has not yet been able to meet, but they will make sure to meet between this meeting and the next.
- Suggestion was made to speak with Middlesex about doing signage for us so as to keep our costs low.

ID Update:

- Steve will be getting a subcommittee together re: ID's
- Point was again raised to make hours more flexible for getting an ID. Right now there will be an intense schedule for the first 3 weeks of school, then they will be done every Thursday from 10am-2pm and in the evenings by appointment.
- Ideas were tossed around as to what other departments could help in issuing ID's at other times.

Video Conferencing:

- Allied Health is adding a video conferencing room so we will have two in Lawrence

Facilities Update:

- There is a weekly meeting to update the status of facilities projects.
- All parking lots and pedestrian walkways are being re-lined in the next few weeks.

Framingham State:

- Framingham State will be on campus starting in the fall. They are bringing a Bachelors of Liberal Studies with interdisciplinary studies with Deaf Studies. They already have room assignments