

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Administrative/Professional Staff Council Meeting

January 28, 1999

Members: Molly Arnold, Mike Baum, Brian Hamilton, Betty Kinser, Doug Lamb, Beverly Nance, Chika Nnamani, Sally Parry, Norris Porter, Sally Pyne, Larry Quane, Leonard Seawood, Sharon Stanford, and Cheryl Young

Excused: Leonard Seawood

Unexcused: None

Guests: Steve Bragg, Vice President, Business and Finance and Marabeth Clapp, Assistant Vice President, Business Services and Human Resources

The A/P Council invited Steve and Marabeth to the meeting to talk about a proposal being considered to change the notion of 24-hour reserved parking spaces. They spoke of the focal concern which drives consideration of this change: the needs of students and university guests who come to campus in the evening hours. They pointed out that these students and guests find it increasingly difficult to find parking in the core area of campus, while noting all the reserved parking spaces that are empty during those times. Often these students commute for evening classes or visitors attending events on campus. They reported that following years of consideration of various options in meetings of the University Parking Committee and after collecting data on utilization of 24-hour reserved spaces during the evening hours it seemed reasonable to consider options to meet the needs of these evening students and visitors without significantly inconveniencing those who have purchased the 24-hour decals.

The proposal currently under active consideration entails allowing open parking in the reserved areas after 5 p.m. while insuring that there are certain spaces within the main parking areas which will remain available *only to those with 24-hour reserve decals*. In this fashion, the majority of 24-hour reserved spaces would be open to evening students and visitors. At the same time, someone who had purchased a 24-hour reserved decal could leave his/her spot and return to campus at a later time, parking either in their "own" reserved spot (if available) or in an area designated as reserved for those with such decals. The result would be that even if one's "own" reserved spot were unavailable when one returned to campus in the evening, there would be special areas reserved for holders of this permit. Hence, any inconvenience would be limited to parking in a different space.

Council members and guests raised questions and expressed opinions regarding this proposed change. Issues raised and discussed included: (1) the likelihood of changing the cost of reserved decals predicated on the duration of use--11 hr day vs. 24 hr day, 9 month reserve vs. 12 month; (2) the issue of "fairness" associated with the issuance of spaces which would indeed be reserved for only one individual's use; (3) how would evening spaces be reserved only for those with 24 hour decals; (4) how might "overnight" users be compelled to move their vehicles so that those spaces would indeed be available when decal owners came to work in the morning; and (5) inquiry was made as to how a decision might be made to implement the proposal.

The Council members were told that dialogue and discussion would continue regarding this proposal. We were reminded that upon the completion of the new parking ramp, the campus would gain additional parking spaces in the core, central campus area. Marabeth and Steve then

indicated they would be continuing to discuss this and other options with various campus groups until such time as they are ready to present any proposed change to the President.

The Council members expressed their appreciation to both Marabeth and Steve for coming to the Council and discussing the proposal.

1. Minutes

Minutes of the December 17 1998 meeting were not available to the members for review and hence, could not be approved. This issue will be deferred until the next meeting.

2. President's Remarks - Jane Reggio

Jane initiated the discussion to elect the new officers of the Council. As is the procedure, the departing Council members poll the current Council and then propose a slate of officers. Given that one Council member not on the slate was interested in a position, the Council members voted down the slate and then opened nominations for each open position. This process resulted in the election of the following new A/P Council officers: Michael Baum, President; Betty Kinser, Vice President; and Cheryl Young, Secretary.

Jane then discussed the search process for the University President. She announced that the Committee had arrived at three candidates, each of whom would be coming to campus in the next month for on-campus interviews.

3. Liaison's Remarks - Sharon Stanford

Sharon pointed out that accompanying the December 17 minutes are the new, A/P Grievance Process documents. She urged all A/P staff to review this information and to place the document where it could be found again, should the need arise.

4. Committee Reports

Board of Trustees (BOT) - Larry Quane

Larry indicated that the next meeting of the BOT is scheduled for February 15. It is his understanding that during the 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. discussion session in the Founders Suite, there will be a further discussion of the Fisher report. Larry encouraged members to attend that meeting if they had comments about the report or, if they preferred, send comments to him via e-mail.

Naming Facilities Committee - Larry Quane

Awards Committee - Beverly Nance

5. Old Business

6. New Business

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m. without having completed the agenda, however the meeting was ended because others were scheduled to use the Spotlight room at 3:00.

Next Meeting: 1:30 p.m. February 25 in the Spotlight Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Baum