

PARKING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 16, 2008

Attendees: James Glasso, Mark Lawrence, Natasha Lindsey, Phillip Oliver

Absent: Leah Beth Downs, Jessica Jo Harrison, T.J. Helms, Dr. Marilyn Lee, Scott Wilson

Next Meeting: November 20, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in the Faculty/Staff Commons

Chief Glasso began by noting that the appointed SGA students had not been attending regularly, and suggested talking with Tammy Jacques about replacing them.

Mark Lawrence said that he had spoken with the Economics and Finance department chair about appointing faculty within the department to serve on the Parking and Traffic Committee. The chair had identified possible candidates, and will let Mark know when he can confirm. Natasha Lindsey added that she had similar discussions with the Management and Marketing department chair, but so far, no faculty had been identified. Chief Glasso suggested that each department select several faculty members to serve, and then the Parking and Traffic committee could choose members from a list. Chief Glasso said that three new members would be an appropriate number.

Chief Glasso said that he had an informal discussion with the person in charge of the Florence down town parking deck about the University possibly using some spaces. That person indicated that about 100 spaces could be available for the University's use, and the University could set up a lease with the City, or students could get a reduced rate. Should the Florence parking deck become available, the shuttle bus could alter its route to pick up students at the deck, since it already goes down Tuscaloosa Street.

Chief Glasso informed the committee that parking lot counts are not available yet; however, more parking (about 100 spaces) has become available on Stewart Avenue. Chief Glasso also said that there has not been a significant fluctuation in the amount of tickets being given out. The most prevalent reasons for tickets given are for parking on a yellow curb, students parking in faculty lots, and no decal.

Chief Glasso said that it is increasingly difficult to collect payments for outstanding tickets because every student with outstanding tickets must be identified and then put on hold in the Banner system, which is very time-consuming. This month alone Public Safety has written \$41,000 in tickets, but only collected fines of about \$7,000.

Possible solutions for the parking problem were discussed. Chief Glasso mentioned that static decals might be a feasible option. That type of decal would be less expensive to the University, and would require very little modification to the readers in the parking deck. It would also facilitate better compliance from the students since it would not require being placed permanently on the outside of the vehicle window, and it would be easily transferrable between

vehicles. Gating faculty lots and leaving all lots open to students, faculty, and visitors was also discussed. Ms. Lindsey mentioned that the Department of Management and Marketing had created several hybrid classes, and planned to add more. Those classes reduce the number of students on campus at one time and help to ease the parking situation. Dr. Lawrence said that the Accounting Department was also looking into hybrid classes. Ms. Lindsey also said that more internet classes are being offered in the College of Business now, which also helps to reduce traffic on campus. It was agreed by all members that faculty must follow the regulations as well as students.

The meeting closed with a brief discussion about appeal circumstances and parking regulations.