

Minutes: Facilities and Information Technology Committee -- 3/29/2018
Approved April 13th, 2018

Attendees: Craig Schroer, Wade Crenshaw, Christie Johnson, Randy Kath, Judy Butler, David Jenks, Douglas Stuart, Christopher Renaud

- Consideration of revisions to the 2018-2019 Parking Code (please see attached). Mr. Wade Crenshaw will be attending our meeting to illuminate details and answer questions. If all looks good then we can approve in tomorrow's meeting and this approval would then be shared in April's Faculty Senate meeting.

Preliminary Discussion of Parking issues. Adding ADA spaces and VIP spaces, particularly around Coliseum. Parking lots were numbered based on when they were built, not by their geographic location. Updates to parking code are primarily composed of clarifying language and some adding some info about fines for moving cones and barricades. Main change to parking signage - added fines for moving cones and barricades.

Judy Butler: Issue with construction workers parking in unapproved (e.g., ADA) spaces, also some service vehicles.

Wade Crenshaw: Take a picture of vehicle parked in ADA space and send to Parking and Transportation. They will communicate with workers to remedy the problem. Likewise, people misusing handicapped tags (e.g., borrowing family member or friend's car) in order to use reserved spaces are fined in same manner as anyone improperly parking in these spaces. Again, send a photo of illegally parked vehicle to Parking and Transportation. Handicapped tags are only valid for the person to whom they are issued.

Facilities and Information Technology Committee unanimously approved revisions to 2018-2019 Parking Code.

This will be in agenda for April 27th Faculty Senate meeting.

- Presentation by Facilities and IT Committee member Randy Kath concerning a Field Course proposal he and Karen Tefend from Geosciences put together for UWG. This project has been previously approved by the Facilities Committee; this presentation will be to bring us up to speed on the proposal and to discuss any thoughts on next steps in terms of how the Committee might assist.

Randy Kath: A side effect of new construction on campus has been to remove existing outcrops. Jim Sutherland, James Embry, Landscaping, *et al* are supportive of the proposed field course project.

Main purposes:

- Create outcrop for geology majors to from which to learn field techniques.
- Formations will appear as would naturally occurring rocks and fit in with surroundings.

- Everyone on campus may use outcrop locations for education or recreation.
- Central Michigan University Geological Field Course is a good example.
- Skills/learning outcomes illustrating what students can learn by using a field course:
 - Pace and compass techniques;
 - description techniques;
 - identifying rock types and weathering;
 - plotting structural data on maps;
 - recording observations in a field notebook;
 - analysis of 3-dimensional data;
 - producing geologic maps.

Technical details:

Vulcan materials has volunteered to provide the rocks. They have many rocks that have fossils in them so this will be a bonus. Villa Rica granite quarry has also volunteered to provide rocks. The most expensive and complicated issue is transporting the large rocks that will comprise the field course

Plan at UWG is to use existing greenspace for Geologic Field Course. This includes numerous areas throughout campus: outside of Starbucks and into Love Valley; vertical exposure next to tennis courts; greenspaces near baseball diamond, nursing building, and around Ingram Library, Pafford Hall, and Humanities Building. ([*Maps of proposed area and additional information are in this linked PowerPoint presentation*](#)).

Geosciences had proposed building the field course in phases but landscaping would prefer to do it all at once (James Embry would like to begin doing this over the summer -- bringing in rocks beginning ASAP).

How to proceed with proposal:

David Jenks: Campus planning team (Brendan Bowen, Sheree Srader, Dumont Janks, *et al.*) would want to evaluate this proposal in coordination with evolving campus plans. The proposal process will be similar to the procedure for applying to create art displays on campus (a new policy/procedure on this will be shortly forthcoming). Brendan Bowen and James Embry are both supportive of the field course proposal and it would also be something to present to UWG's Vice-President Council.

Christie Johnson: What is expense involved?

Randy Kath: Main costs will be for gas and landscaping labor and getting flatbed truck to and from various locations where rocks will be picked up.

David Jenks: Facilities has a yearly budget for campus beautification.

Douglas Stuart: What about explanatory signage around outcroppings for the sake of interested students and public?

Randy Kath: Yes, general information about the outcroppings as well as companies who donated the rocks could be incorporated into plans.

David Jenks: Facilities would bring in Matt Jordan to assess potential safety issues (e.g., lighting at night).

Proposal for Field Course voted upon by the Facilities and Information Technology Committee and approved unanimously.

Next Steps:

Randy Kath will contact campus planning team, Risk Management, Vice-President Council, etc. and then communicate back to the Facilities and IT Committee. An announcement about the proposal and a brief presentation will be scheduled for Faculty Senate as soon as various stakeholders have been contacted and are supportive of project.

- Other items for discussion?
None
- Choosing new Facilities and Information Technology Committee Chair

Ideally there should be 3 senate members on committee who would be eligible to Chair committee. Craig will send note to group asking for volunteers.

NOTE: Christie Johnson has agreed to Chair the Facilities and Information Technology Committee in the coming year.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.