

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH**  
**STUDENT FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**2006-07 Academic Year**  
**Meeting #3**  
**Thursday, June 14, 2007**  
**9:00 a.m., USU-224**

*Members Present:* Barker, Hata, Hubbard, McClinton, Latter, Mistry, Montano, Rice, Robinson, Schwanemann, Soni.

*Members Absent:* Kearney, Yutrzenka

*Staff Attendees:* Gleason, Hernandez, Sanchez

*Guests Present:* Susan Brown, Scott Charmack

1. Welcome and Introductions. Vice President Robinson, chair of the committee, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Robinson welcomed attendees and asked them to introduce themselves.
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes. The agenda for the May 14, 2007, meeting was approved (11-0-0). Mariano moved, and Duque seconded to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2007 meeting as corrected; they were approved unanimously (11-0-0).
3. Request to Adjust Student Parking Fees Beyond Existing Range: Robinson said that fees for Parking Structures II and III were approved at the February 26, 2003 SFAC meeting. Because of the amount of time that has passed, there have been escalating costs. We will consider the request to raise the parking fees from \$98 to \$123 as a new request.

Charmack said there is a parking shortage, which will get worse. The approved master plan site for the Recreation and Wellness Center on the south end of Parking Lot 11 will remove more than 500 spaces. Parking Structure III was approved by the Board of Trustees several years ago, along with the Recreation Center and Parking Structure II. When Parking Structure II was built, a lot of the infrastructure was constructed which will serve Parking Structure III. Construction costs are up more than 40 percent, and continue to rise. The current fee of \$98 has been in effect since 2005; before that it had not been increased since 1992. Parking and Transportation Services is a self-funded program; there are no resources provided by the state. Bonds have to be taken out, which are the lowest cost instrument and are tax exempt. The bond for this project will be paid over 25 years. Construction on Parking Structure III is to be completed before the start of construction on the Recreation and Wellness Center to minimize the loss of spaces. When both projects are done there will be more than 1,000 more spaces than before. Parking Structure II had some issues which will also increase costs for Parking Structure III: the soil is poor, so the piles have to go deep, but by using a type of pile that is noisier to drive, \$2 million will be saved.

*Hata left the meeting at 9:20 a.m.*

Parking Structure III will be approximately the same size as Parking Structure II.

Barker moved, Montano seconded to approve the request to adjust the Parking Fees beyond the existing range.

McClinton said that during construction on Parking Structure II students had trouble with the shuttle schedule and parking in residential areas. Some students found it easier to park on the streets and get tickets than to be late for class because the shuttle schedule. In addition, there were no late evening pickups from campus. Charmack said that negotiations are underway with Long Beach City College for the use of the Veterans' Stadium parking lot for shuttle pick-ups. There would be no charge to students for the shuttle service, so there would be a considerable cost to Parking. Charmack added that the university has no control over parking in residential areas.

Soni said he would send an e-mail to faculty to alert them to the parking situation for students.

Mistry said that when Parking Structure II was built, we were told that Parking Structure III would not be needed. Charmack said that the original plan was for one six-level structure, but because of the concerns of area residents, President Maxson wanted to build two instead. As the project proceeded, costs rose, and as there was a fixed budget we could not afford to build two at that time.

Robinson asked what factors contributed to the rise in construction costs. Charmack said that the worldwide boom in construction places a high demand on raw materials and energy. Robinson asked when the fee increase will go into effect. Charmack said that it would be in fall 2008. Robinson asked how CSULB parking fees compare with those at other CSUs. Charmack referred the committee to the chart in Attachment 2 that shows that CSULB compares favorably with other CSU campuses.

Schwanemann asked who we would be selling the bonds to. Charmack said we would sell the bonds to the public, and then pay off the bonds. Schwanemann asked if the fee will be reduced when the bonds are paid off. Charmack said that all revenue pays for staff, lighting, resurfacing parking lots, etc, and that we've really cut down on major improvements in other lots. Robinson said we should be able to reduce costs. Charmack said the university's master plan has Parking Structures IV and V; it's possible the fees could go toward paying for them.

Schwanemann asked if the SFAC is involved in putting aside money for building structures. Robinson answered that this committee can make any suggestion we wish to the president. Latter said that after the bonds for the University Student Union were paid off, there was new construction in 1997-98; because the old bonds were

paid off, funds were available. Robinson said that students paid lower fees because the bond had been paid off.

McClinton said that Financial Aid does not pay parking fees, and asked if there is a way to cover the increase. Robinson said there is not.

Mistry asked what would be the repercussions if the fee does not pass. Robinson said the request would go to President Alexander for his decision.

Mistry said we will have to answer to students; they will want to know why the costs have gone up. Robinson said we will inform the students as we normally do. He added that we do a good job of managing fees.

Soni suggested that the issue be discussed at the June 21 ASI meeting, and that forums be held in the fall at which Charmack can provide information.

Mistry asked what would happen if we wait to build Parking Structure III. Charmack said the campus will lose more than 500 spaces when construction on the Recreation Center begins; costs will also continue to rise.

The motion passed (10-0-1).

Schwanemann moved that the university conduct research into alternatives to building parking structures and that this go on simultaneously with the construction of Parking Structure III. The motion passed unanimously (11-0-0).

4. Future Meeting Dates: Robinson said we will wait until the ASI Senate appoints permanent members to the committee before setting our next meeting date.
5. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Sanchez

(These minutes were approved as amended on December 14, 2007.)