

## MINUTES

### Central Committee

12.21.23

MEMBERS PRESENT: T. Fritter, K. Runge, S. Frey, R. Forbes Wank, K. Demick

OTHERS PRESENT: B. Shore, P. Kass, D. Berland

At 2PM, Chair Fritter called the meeting to order and instructed the Secretary to record those present.

Chair Fritter paused for public comments. Mr. Brian Shore expressed concern that not all questions submitted to the Congress meeting via correspondence appear in the documents released for the meeting. Mr. Shore stated his belief that Members of Congress should be able to raise any issue during a Congress meeting and questions submitted should not be subject to being ruled, 'out of order', by the Secretary.

Mr. Terry Fritter noted that it was this week in 2008 that a class action lawsuit was brought against Wal Mart.

Chair Fritter directed the attention of the Committee to the draft Minutes of the previous meeting. Ms. Demick moved, seconded by Ms. Runge, to approve the Minutes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Fritter recognized Mr. Patrick Kass, Director of Transportation Services for the purpose of providing a report on the analysis of salary-based parking.

Mr. Kass noted that peers were reached out to around the country in preparation of the analysis. It was clarified that 'employees' included those who work at UW-Health. It was also noted that 1,200 permits are held by those with no salary information attached.

Mr. Kass informed the Committee that four models were prepared for consideration and depending on the model, it was concluded that 30 to 50% of permit holder would experience an increase in cost to park. Concern was expressed that those who would be paying more for parking would in turn expect more in services. It was noted that the analysis was provided to the Campus Transportation Committee.

Question was raised as to how colleges, school, and divisions, determine parking assignments. Reply came that while the colleges, schools, and divisions provide a ranking, it is Transportation Services that assigns the parking spaces.

Question was raised as to how the division collects its data. Reply came that a biannual survey is conducted by Transportation Services and the results are posted to the website.

Clarity was sought regarding the formulas used by colleges, schools, and divisions. Reply came that each can set their own priorities for the purposes of ranking.

It was noted that 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift employees do not go through a prioritization process and that after 4:30PM, approximately 50% of campus parking is free.

Clarity was sought in regard to parking expansion as it relates to new building projects. Reply came that Transportation Services has sought the inclusion of two parking structures as part of the new building plans.

Concern was expressed over the reduction of Madison Metro stops in certain locations and it's negative impact on those using this method of transportation to reach campus workplaces.

Question was raised if UW-System employees were included as part of the study. Reply was in the affirmative.

Concern was expressed that Animal Research Tech.s have been unable to access parking lots during game days. Reply came that Transportation Services will work with supervisors to remedy such situations if notified. Reply in return came that such arrangements were attempted without reply. Direct contact information was provided in response to future requests.

Disappointment was expressed that requests for the granting of a parking amnesty for the day after Christmas and New Years were turned down. The reply came that Transportation Services would be willing to discuss future requests should they be made in the future.

Question was raised if the use of parking on the discussed amnesty dates can be traced. Reply came that usage of parking garages can be tracked.

Chair Fritter provided a report to the Committee in which he noted he had attended the most recent meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift Issues Committee and that he had also attend the Chancellor's holiday party and expressed his appreciation to others in university staff shared governance who did so. Chair Fritter noted specifically that discussions continue in regard to FP&M personnel who object to the use of English language proficiency tests in order to obtain first shift positions. Chair Fritter also expressed his concern that pay plan under consideration by the Board of Regents and Legislature is inadequate to improve the conditions of the lowest paid employees.

Chair Fritter directed the attention of the Committee to the draft Agenda for the January meeting of Congress. Discussion was heard as to the objection made under public comments as it related to submitted questions. Secretary replied that if correspondence meetings are to mirror in person meetings as the previous speaker indicated that they should, then reasonable limits had to be placed on the length and depth of questions, otherwise accepting submissions without such limits could lead to unwieldly and unfocused reports. Ms. Forbes Wank moved, seconded by Ms. Runge, to approve the Agenda. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

At 3:25PM, Ms. Frey moved, seconded by Ms. Demick, to adjourn the meeting. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes prepared and submitted by: J. Lease / Secretary