

Facilities and Services
A Standing Committee of the UWG Senate

Minutes

February 3, 2012

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Members present: Jon Anderson, Judy Cox, Leos Kral, Jeff Rooks, Shelley Smith

Guest present: Tom Mackel

The meeting was called to order by Shelley Smith, Chair, at 3:40 p.m. UWG police chief Tom Mackel was introduced.

New business:

Crosswalks. Tom Mackel explained that there are two fundamental issues with the crosswalks around campus: 1) pedestrians don't respect them, and 2) drivers don't know to stop, even though if you have a driver's license you should know that you stop for people in the crosswalks. In the 22 years that Tom has been here, a couple people have hit where cars have brushed by them, although no one has been seriously hurt yet. The police do not have enough cars and officers to pursue traffic offenders, and if they did, it would imperil public safety. All parking lots empty into West Georgia Drive, compounding the traffic situation. Committee members asked Tom about elevated crosswalks and tunnels, both of which present difficulties. In the past, a bypass from the Greek Village to Maple Street through the woods was contemplated. In addition to alleviating some of the UWG traffic, it would be good for the fire station. This would be a multi-million dollar project. As Tom stated, "I think we're gonna have to design around this problem." He said that Mr. Sutherland (VP, Business and Finance) is planning to do a traffic study, including hiring a consultant, to plan for 10-20 years out. Tom left the meeting after this discussion concluded.

Old business:

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools compliance documents. Jon complimented the Committee's work on the SACS compliance documents. We turned in the most responses and they were of high quality.

The SACS modified principles in December regarding the definition of a credit hour after the federal government issued new statements. Jon explained that these have a lot to do with distance education, which is receiving increased scrutiny, and mainly aimed at for-profit institutions. Shelley passed a copy of the documents around to the Committee members and promised to forward them electronically, as she had received them from Jon via the Executive Committee of Faculty Senate.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Smith
Chair