

**Annual Report: Academic Year 2004-05  
Davis Division: Academic Senate**

**Committee on Transportation and Parking**

Total Meetings: 2; correspondence by e-mail.	Meeting frequency: 1 meeting per quarter as needed	Average hours of committee work each week: chair 5 hrs/week; members less than 5 hrs per quarter
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**Listing of bylaw changes proposed:** none

**Listing of committee policies established or revised:** conduct business primarily through the use of e-mail.

<b>Issues considered by the committee and outcomes:</b>
<b>Overriding Principle:</b> Parking revenues should only be used to support parking and transportation.
<b>STIP Interest</b> – It was the campus practice for STIP interest from TAPS’ accounts to be put in the general fund. The Committee recommended that any STIP interest including the operating accounts of TAPS should be credited to TAPS’ account because TAPS is an independent unit and it pays for all of its services. As a result of this recommendation, TAPS is now getting STIP interest from all of its accounts.
<b>Sports Stadium</b> – The committee raised the point that the construction of the new Sports Stadium will destroy a number of usable parking spaces that undercurrent university practice, parkers will have to replace. The committee has strongly recommended to the Chancellor that money raised for the stadium should replace destroyed spaces and pay for any additional new spaces added for the stadium. This issue has not be resolved.
<b>Replacement Parking Policy:</b> the current campus replacement policy for spaces destroyed due to new campus construction and/or campus restructuring is seriously flawed. All spaces have a value. The current depreciation policy is based on the initial cost of construction and financing. It does not take into account that every space has a value which appreciates as replacement costs increase. Also, TAPS’ budget allows for maintenance of spaces. This is a major issue that is still in front of the committee.
<b>Alternative Transportation:</b> Concern was expressed about the poor repair of some of the bike paths, in part, due to campus construction.
<b>Repair and Widening of Dairy Road:</b> We objected to parkers paying for Dairy Road because it is a campus wide resource. As a result, TAPS/parkers will not be paying for Dairy Road.
<b>Campus Inner Gates:</b> We recommended that it was not appropriate for parkers

to pay for the construction/repair of gates that prevent parkers from parking in spaces in the inner core of campus. This policy is now in effect.

**Mondavi Center Plaque:** The committee continued to pursue the issue of getting a plaque put up in the Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts to acknowledge that funds from parking were used to build the garage. The parking lot that serves the Mondavi Center cost over \$24 million including debt service. TAPS only received \$1.3 million. The Chancellor has been considering wording of the plaque since May 2005.

**Recommended procedural or policy changes for the coming year:** Parking is a right to work issue. We are proposing that the principles that guide construction of parking be modified as follows: Parkers should be charged a reasonable fee and should not be responsible for all the costs associated with parking. Our justifications are that parking rates continue to escalate. This is primarily fueled by university development which will result in the destruction of approximately 6000 spaces between 1990 and 2012. During the years from 1990 to FY 2005/6, the cost of an "A" sticker has sky rocketed from less that \$100 annually to \$564 annually. This has been primarily due to the development of the campus including the need for more spaces and the destruction of functional spaces. It is inappropriate for parkers to have to subsidize university development. The University should be responsible for the cost of construction of new parking garages, surface spaces and maintenance of roadways. New buildings should include some percentage to cover parking needs as a result of new building.

**Committee's narrative:** The cost of parking continues to be of major concern to faculty who drive cars to campus. The poor repair of bike paths continues to be of major concern to faculty who ride bikes to campus and on campus. The Committee will continue to monitor policies and practices of the University.