C-8 Parking and Traffic Appeals Panel
2017-2018 Annual Report

The Parking and Traffic Appeals Panel reviews the second level of appeals of fines for enforcement of the University’s parking regulations. Persons receiving parking citations may first appeal to the Parking and Traffic Services staff, and if not satisfied with its decision, may appeal to the Panel to consider their cases for reduction or dismissal of the fines.

The Panel is comprised of six review panels, with six or seven members each from the General Faculty, staff, and students. Each review panel considers five to ten appeals in two or three weeks. Panelists use their UT EIDs and passwords to access the web-based site to review the cases. Cases consist of evidence presented by Parking and Traffic Services staff and appellants. After reviewing the cases, panelists enter their votes to uphold, reduce, or dismiss the fines. The Chairperson reviews panelists’ votes and comments and makes the final decision. There is no further means to appeal beyond the Panel.

This year (June 2017 to May 2018) the panel reviewed 331 appeals. The final decisions out of the committee are broken down as follows:

- Appeal Denied …………… 160 (48%)
- Fine reduced …………… 106 (32%)
- Citation Dismissed …… 29 (9%)
- Warning ………………… 36 (11%)

Professor Martin Poenie was elected Chairperson and Professor Hirofumi Tanaka was elected Vice Chairperson for 2017-2018. Martin Poenie would like to thank the Parking and Traffic Services staff, particularly Paul Muscato, for prompt and tireless service to the Panel during his current tenure as Chairperson.