

Report of C-9 Transportation Policies Committee
Academic year 2017-8

The C-9 Committee dealt with several major issues this year. Some of these will carry over into our discussions in the future.

First, we spent much of the fall and spring gathering information about the impact of the garage waiting list policy on staff members. The Staff Council representatives on the Committee alerted us to the issues and we had several discussions involving them and other members of Staff Council. We came to a resolution on this issue but were reminded that staff members often have long waits to access parking close to their work venue.

The second issue which we discussed in detail was the Sure Walk Program which has been a success. Currently, the Program is funded by Parking and Transportation Services. However, the program is expensive and needs a more permanent funding source. The Committee will continue to discuss funding sources and may seek advice from the Faculty Council in the future for this effort.

Third is the issue of handicapped parking on campus. The State of Texas found that some handicapped spots were not in compliance with state and federal laws. The University has been given five years to remedy this problem. Given the limited number of surface parking spaces and the campus geography, the solution may involve a major change in the University's policy. This will likely involve extensive consultations with those faculty, staff, and students who need these spaces, disability experts, and administrators.

Linda Golden was elected chair of the Committee for the 2018-9 academic year.