

CCSE Transportation Meeting Minutes

Date: 4/15/14

Time: 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Location: African-American Cultural Center, Room 200

Attendees:

Jane Wilberding
Michael Blauvelt
Angel Diaz
Steve Schlickman
Wanda Perry
Kevin Shalla
Shelby Egan

Discussion/ Things that have been established:

1. Updates to 2013 Chancellor's Committee on Sustainability and Energy (CCSE) Report
 - a. Improve the business process regarding the CTA Benefits Program
 - i. Currently, the Transit Benefit Program is being held in payroll and benefits. The Office of Sustainability has worked with Parking to understand the procedures needed to transfer this program to Human Resources to make the conversion from Academic to Civil Service smoother, however there are limitations to this recommendation. There would need to be a funding stream to move this type of program to Human Resources. Additionally there are restraints due to external CTA and RTA deadlines that cannot be coordinated with title transition. A next step is to write out an explanation to report to the UIC community, and consider other alternatives such as outsourcing the program.
 - b. Modify University Travel Policy
 - i. The Associate for Sustainability has worked with appropriate staff from UIUC and Springfield to discuss the proposed modification of policy. Currently, research is being conducted to find data on who travels between Chicago and Urbana. Suggested next steps include: updating language on the Business Travel page of OBFS to include information on Amtrak schedules, economic drivers of using Amtrak, and environmental benefits (provided for those who may have concerns about convenience).
 - c. New Parking Rate Structure
 - i. Study completed by two MUPP students. Report included an analysis of background plans, environmental, financial and

social concerns, and key findings. Students concluded that there are underutilized surface spots at UIC, with others being over utilized. The majority of permit holders are faculty and staff, with current daily parking rates deterring users from using alternate modes. Buying an annual pass is cheaper (by the day) than to buy a one-day pass, thus incentivizing people to drive to campus. Students also conducted a Mode Choice Analysis, which concluded that people are rather inelastic when it comes to driving. Some recommendations from the students' study is to consolidate parking, increase parking permit prices by demand, allocate revenue to subsidize transit and issues of equity, and offer alternative permit choices for occasional users.

Things we are continuing to work on:

1. Creating an update of where the subcommittee stands on their recommendations
2. Follow-up discussion between Associate Chancellor for Sustainability and appropriate contacts at UIUC and UISpringfield
3. Coordinate meeting with appropriate Vice Chancellor to present finding from Parking Rate Structure Report