**Committee Name: RPIPC**

**Meeting Date & Time: 01/10/2025 (2-3:15)**

**Meeting Location: Online**

**Attendance**:

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| **Members**  **“P” denotes Present, “A” denotes Absent, “R” denotes Regrets** |
| P | Brad Fowler | P | Nancy Finney |
| P | Mikkel Christensen | P | Will Smith |
| P | Natalie Toomey | P | Brian Watson |
| P | GeGee Arnold | A | Serena Semere (SGA) |
| P | Charles Cruey |  |  |
| P | Josefina Endere |  |  |
| P | Kerry James Evans |  |  |
| Guests: Frank Baugh. Brian English  |
|  | *Italicized text denotes information from a previous meeting.* |  |   |
|  | \*Denotes new discussion on old business. |  |  |

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|  Agenda Topic (Committees should feel free to customize this template to make it as functional for them as possible. Other categories of topics might include Reports, Information Items, Unfinished Business, etc.) | Discussions & Conclusions  | Action or Recommendations | Follow-Up{including dates/responsible person, status (pending, ongoing, completed)} |
| **I. Call to order** | Brad Fowler |  |  |
| **II. Approval of Agenda** | Brad Fowler | Approved |  |
| **III. Approval of Minutes** | Brad Fowler | Approved |  |
| **IV. Old Business/Review of****Actions/Recommendations** | SOLAR DISCUSSION:* Frank Baugh – Presenter
* Reviewed past plan for solar farm on 16-acre track (west campus) – were asked to purchase additional land, but this was located in a flood plane
	+ Could not find suitable alternative property – project abandoned
* Suggestion for rooftop panels Cherry St. Energy
	+ Would have necessitated departure from favorable GA Power rate schedule – not economically sensible
	+ Not ideal to have rooftop panels due to varied issues
* Suggestions for solar projects may be best done as a “pedagogical exercise” to work with students, show them how to do it, but not as a campus “alternative energy” initiative
	+ No feasible plan has been identified for this so far – cost outweighs benefits
* Cart shell (parking) might make for a good pedagogical exercise/project
* Q: Solar Canopy Option? Would this be a feasible campus project?
* A: If you received a grant, e.g., would make for a good exercise. Again, not necessarily of any meaningful cost benefit to the campus.
* GeGee: Original purpose in investigating this was to reduce summer power costs, but it seems this would not truly address the issue.
	+ Frank: GA Power will bring generators if campus exceeds its power limit during peak summer heat – this is a very limited time span overall
	+ Currently pay 30% less than typical residential rate
	+ Solar could not come close to meeting peak demand needs – ~ 32M kh/year – would not offer any cost benefit
 | Look for other learning opportunities? Ask Nicholas Creel to join (Center for Innovation) – note that educational opportunities are not necessarily in the scope of RPIPC purpose |  |
| **V. New Business**Actions/Recommendations | P&T PARKING MASTER PLAN:* Brian English – Presenter
* Not enough revenue to support services offered/fleet of vehicles
	+ Sedan rental will be discontinued
	+ Renew shuttle fleet (old vehicles) – heavy/rapid inflation on new vehicle prices
		- Restrict chatters to athletics and admissions
	+ 19/27 vehicles in the fleet are past their life (10+ years old)
		- New shuttle and van purchase schedule over the next few years (25 – 27) ~ 2M total cost
	+ Parking: Revising policies and working on compliance
		- Repeat offenders – high escalation prices
		- Adjust permit sales – lot assignments (students and faculty) – Fall 25 (August) will be doing some resurfacing/prep ahead of this
		- Add fees for guest parking – students are using/abusing guest parking
		- Mandatory fee (as currently exists) for students
		- Elective student fee ($50/semester) for car
		- Irwin Street parking lot – provide shuttle service to this lot
		- Employee cost increase $120 🡪 $160/ high demand lots (Kilpatrick) $200
		- Q&A:
	+ Q: What does this mean for student group trips?
	+ A: Depends on timing. Transit vans may still be available (15 seats). Expanding transit van fleet to accommodate other needs better, more cost effective for the university.
	+ Q: Any route changes?
	+ A: Irwin Street lot. Discontinue Green St. daytime M-F following student survey (most walk). Will still offer service in evenings.
	+ Q ADA Parking?
	+ A: Yes, ADA parking spaces will increase.
	+ Q: Will mandatory fee change?
	+ A: Mandatory fee will not change. Elective fee is basically a student parking permit. The latter is necessary to purchase new vehicles.
	+ Q: Partnership with city for paid parking spaces?
	+ A: Still under negotiation but seems positive (not Wilkerson or Hancock Street) – Shared revenue. GCSU would enforce. Need to be mindful of downtown merchant customer parking needs.
	+ Q: Lots of “issues/attitudes” with parking in Irwin lot. Maybe reimagined shuttle/bus routes might help.
	+ A: Decline in Irwin Street use coincides with past route adjustments and less frequent shuttle stops (15-20 min wait). Push to change this.
 | . | Plan to be shared with ECUS and at next full Senate meeting (Brad Fowler).  |
| VI. Informational Item | * Fall and Thanksgiving break split – students don’t want to come for 2 days prior to Thanksgiving (neither do some faculty) – some classes cancelled, some not.
	+ Tends to be inconsistent – about 50/50 re: how other USG institutions handle this (split like us or Thanksgiving week off/no fall break)
 | Will be mentioned at ECUS and senate. Further info forthcoming. |  |
| VII. Next Meeting | 02/14/2024 |  |  |
| VIII. Adjournment | Brad Fowler | Approved |  |

**Distribution (as determined in committee operating procedure – one possibility given):**

First; To Committee Membership for Review

Second: Posted to the Minutes Website

**Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 Committee Chairperson (Including this Approval by chair at committee discretion)

**Guidance**

**Committee Name: RPIPC**

**Committee Officers: Brad Fowler (Chair), Mikkel Christensen (Vice-Chair), Natalie Toomey (Secretary)**

**Academic Year: 2024-25**

**Aggregate Member Attendance at Committee Meetings for the Academic Year:**

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| Meeting Dates | 9/06/24 | 10/4/24 | 11/1/24 | 1/10/25 | 2/14/25 | 3/7/25 | 4/4/25 |  |  |
| Brad Fowler | P |  | P | P |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mikkel Christensen | P |  | P | P |  |  |  |  |  |
| Natalie Toomey | P |  | P | P |  |  |  |  |  |
| GeGee Arnold | P |  | P | P |  |  |  |  |  |
| Charles Cruey | P |  | P | P |  |  |  |  |  |
| Josefina Endere | P |  | P | P |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kerry James Evans | P |  | P | P |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nancy Finney | P |  | R | P |  |  |  |  |  |
| Will Smith | P |  | A | P |  |  |  |  |  |
| Brian Watson | P |  | P | P |  |  |  |  |  |
| Serene Semere (SGA) | A |  | P | A |  |  |  |  |  |
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