Present: Mark Brefo, Mariana Hernandez Hernandez, Collin Campbell, Mike Westcott, Natasha Farrell, Elahe Nezhadhossein, Robert Deering, Robert Dibartolomeo,

Regrets: Samantha Breslin (Anthropology), Meghan Walley (Archaeology), Tanya Nielson (IDPhD), Kelly Brewer Balch (MER), Shannon O’Rourke (Philosophy), Katherine Saunders (History)

Also absent: Md Omer Khayyam (Economics), Jing Xia / Sara Pun (Ethnomusicology), Emma Tennier-Stuart (Folklore), Samantha Bokma (Gender Studies), Brandon Ellis, (Political Science), Eli Mason (Religious Studies)

1 Agenda

a. Parking: Kris Parsons (Chief Risk Officer); Mary Beth Delaney (Parking Administration for St. John’s campus)

2 Announcements

• HSS food fair; see attached
• Rothermere Fellowships; see attached
• Carpooling: on my.mun.ca, under 'General', you can click on the 'open form' button in the 'Classifieds Channel' to post an ad about wanting to carpool
• Travel funding information: http://www.mun.ca/sgs/current/scholarships/TRAVEL_POLICY.pdf

3 Minutes of the 2016-10-12 meeting

We did not discuss the minutes; these should be approved at the next meeting.

4 Business arising from the minutes

None.

5 Agenda Item (a) Parking: Kris Parsons (Chief Risk Officer); Mary Beth Delaney (Parking Administration for St. John’s campus)

Mary Beth Delaney’s notes are appended.
Graduate Council meeting – parking overview

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

• What is the total number of parking permits allocated for graduate students?
  Currently allocating Grad student via an online process. Student log in and rank preferences. The computer will then randomly select the number of grad students corresponding to the quantity of permits available. From there the system allocates space based on preference.

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This data only includes daytime parking permits, and excludes evening/weekend and motorcycle permits.

• Can the system to be changed so that only full-time graduate students will be eligible for the lottery?: Yes. Andrew Kim and Parking Administration are awaiting confirmation from the Graduate Student Union to do this.

• If the current system is to stay in place for this year, can additional parking lots be added to the ‘After 3 pm’ parking pass? For the Evening and Weekend parking permit, valid after 3 pm, any ungated lot is available. Up to three lots can be chosen. We don’t have the resources to ensure the gate for the gated lots is raised every day at 3 pm.

RESPONSE TO GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES OVERVIEW:

September 14, 2016

• “Problem exacerbated by loss of space now taken up by new Core Science facility”: The number of permits allocated to grad students has not decreased, but with the increasing student population we could no longer provide parking permits to all students who requested it. This would have occurred even without the reallocation of spaces in 16/16A to the South campus.

• “Lot 1A used to be available to graduate students, but isn’t any more; it is not fully subscribed”: Lot 1A is oversold. This may no longer be an option, but these permits were moved elsewhere on campus. The total allocated has not reduced.

• “Some people have two permits”: Need more specific examples of this occurring. There may be circumstances around the situations (i.e. physical accommodation), or the individual could have provided misinformation to obtain two permits.

• “Need “park and ride” system”: This is an option that the Transit Solutions Committee has reviewed, and a number of possible locations have been contracted. However, there are limited locations willing to provide this service, or willing to do so at a fair price. There currently is an option for this with Metrobus leaving from the rec complex in Paradise.
• “Meters are checked 24/7 and are coin only, even in the parking garage”: Evening permits are available, alleviating the need to use meters in the evening. Parking regulations outline that enforcement is 24x7. The university has awarded a tender for pay by mobile application, which will provide the option to pay via an application accepting credit, paypal, etc.

• “Graduate students are treated the same as undergraduate students”: Graduate students receive the same number of permits as undergrad, however, the undergrad population is currently 10,194 while graduate is 3,703 (current statistics). In addition, of the total grads who applied online for a permit, 47% received one while only 18% of undergrads received a permit.

• “App that lets people know which lots have parking spots”: This idea has been discussed on a large scale, however, massive infrastructure and technological investment is required. The pay by mobile phone application will have some capability to do this for meters (variables include paying the traditional meter or parking violators).

• “Permit-sharing program? or Car-pooling program”: Student carpool permits are available. Those interested in applying must complete an application. In addition, students who have a permit may also add another vehicle. The primary vehicle on file must be registered to the student with the permit, but other individuals can be added. However, all students being added to the carpool permit must have 48 credit hours.

October 12, 2016

• “GSU talking with the President; statistics (50% got a permit) are questioned”: These stats are correct.

• Evening permits: after 3:00 and on weekends, in 3 designated spots (you designate the spots): Correct.

• If you have a regular permit you can park after 5:00 in any MUN lot: This is actually 3:00 pm, and only ungated lots or if the gate is raised.

• Parking lots are not oversubscribed: Every lot on campus is oversold.

• The Council wants to advocate to get rid of the lottery system:

Question: What alternative is being proposed?

• Signage on the meter has not changed, but the price has risen: All should have been updated if the rate was increased, need more specific examples.

• MUNSU may be negotiating with Metrobus: The Transit Solution committee has representative from a number of groups, including MUNSU, GSU and Metrobus.