Senate Task Force on Parking Recommendation Report

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Task Force Charge: Explore possibilities and make recommendations to improve parking for the January start of the spring 2011 semester.

Assumptions: The committee has approximated the number of vehicles that were parked on the roadways, the grass and in other places that are not designated as parking spaces during the first three weeks of the fall 2010 semester. We have also taken into consideration the number of spaces that are unavailable in the winter months due to the snow, the fact that not all cars parking on campus are registered vehicles and the slight reduction in registrations during the spring. From these assumptions, we have concluded that we are dealing with needing to provide approximately 200 additional parking spaces.

Data Sources: During our discussions, we looked over a variety of fall 2010 data on the number of registered students on the Utica campus (5190). This data included the number of registered vehicles (3665), the number of dorm students(520), the number of freshman dorm students with registered vehicles(118), the number of senior dorm students with registered vehicles(35), the number of students no longer registered that have registered vehicles(52), the number of registered students attending classes in Utica that live in Utica(1676), the number of registered students attending classes in Utica that live in Utica and have registered vehicles(817), the number of parking spaces on the entire campus which included the gated lots(2158), the number of spaces on the entire campus not including the gated lots(1981) and maps of the campus.

Recommendations: The Task Force ***strongly*** recommends that the college implement all of the recommendations as a "package" and that communication be started well before the start of the spring semester in order to implement these recommendations.

To increase the number of available spaces:

- Create a temporary parking lot that extends the A-2 parking lot. The fill that is currently there can be leveled with the addition of a gravel base to attain approximately 100 spaces.
- The Administration lot normally has approximately 10 available spaces. It is our recommendation that 10 members of Student Leadership be given access to this lot from the start of classes through the end of February.
- The trailers in the far corner of the A-2 lot used for Go Motorcycle are hindering parking in approximately 10 spaces. We recommend that these trailers be relocated off of the parking lot.

To decrease the number of vehicles that park on campus:

- Re-implement the carpool board that exists on our website. Members of Student Congress has expressed that there are many students that have been trying to access the board but it is

not functioning properly. If 2% of the 3665 students with registered vehicles decide to carpool, we would save 73 spots.

- Work with Centro on an agreement that allows any student that shows MVCC student ID to ride for free from the start of classes through February. This agreement would probably result in the college reimbursing Centro. This should be targeted to those students that live in the City of Utica and live on campus. If 4% of the 817 students with registered vehicles decide to take the bus, we save 33 spaces. If 3% of the dorm students do not bring their vehicles to campus, utilizing the bus, we save 5 spaces.

Increased communication and stricter parking policy:

- There is a noticeable need to communicate the availability of the "Dorm Lot" to students. On several occasions, vehicles were parked on the sides of the Tilden Ave extension when there were plenty of available spaces in the "Dorm Lot". We recommend a sign be placed by the entrance to the lot and communication be sent to students making them aware that the lot is not only for Dorm students.

- During the winter months we lose approximately 30 spaces when the parking space lines are not visible. We recommend that a stricter towing policy be put into place that changes the number of tickets before towing from three to two.

Conclusion of Aggregate Recommendations:

If the above described recommendations are implemented for the spring 2010 semester in a timely fashion, it was determined by this committee that we would attain approximately 231 parking spaces.

College Senate Parking Task Force Recommendations

Fall, 2010

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To increase the number of available spaces:

- Create a temporary parking lot that extends the A-2 parking lot. The fill that is currently there can be leveled with the addition of a gravel base to attain approximately 100 spaces. **A CONTRACTOR RECALCULATED THE SPACE AND ESTIMATED 65 PARKING SPACES. ORGANIC MATERIALS INHERENT IN THE FILL WOULD REQUIRE ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING AND BIDDING PROCESSES THAT WOULD NOT BE COMPLETE BY SPRING SEMESTER. HOWEVER, IT IS DEFINITELY IN THE PLAN TO EXPAND PARKING IN THAT AREA.**

- The Administration lot normally has approximately 10 available spaces. It is our recommendation that 10 members of Student Leadership be given access to this lot from the start of classes through the end of February. **THIS IS POSSIBLE, BUT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ONLY IF NEEDED AS THE LOGISTICS OF PROVIDING ACCESS AND REMOVING ACCESS ARE CONSIDERED**.

- The trailers in the far corner of the A-2 lot used for Go Motorcycle are hindering parking in approximately 10 spaces. We recommend that these trailers be relocated off of the parking lot. **FLOODING PROBLEMS CAN OCCUR IF THE TRAILERS ARE NOT RELOCATED CORRECTLY. THESE WILL BE MOVED AFTER THE SPRING SEMESTER.**

To decrease the number of vehicles that park on campus:

- Re-implement the carpool board that exists on our website. Members of Student Congress has expressed that there are many students that have been trying to access the board but it is not functioning properly. If 2% of the 3665 students with registered vehicles decide to carpool, we would save **73 spots**. **THE WEBSITE HAS BEEN CORRECTED AND WORK IS UNDERWAY TO PROMOTE THIS SERVICE**.

- Work with Centro on an agreement that allows any student that shows MVCC student ID to ride for free from the start of classes through February. This agreement would probably result in the college reimbursing Centro. This should be targeted to those students that live in the City of Utica and live on campus. If 4% of the 817 students with registered vehicles decide to take the bus, we save 33 spaces. If 3% of the dorm students do not bring their vehicles to campus, utilizing the bus, we save 5 spaces. **CENTRO WAS CONTACTED AND THOUGHT THEIR COST PROHIBITIVE, BUT ENCOURAGED CONVERSATION WITH BIRNIE BUS. WE ARE CONSIDERING A PROPOSAL FROM BIRNIE TO RUN A SHUTTLE BETWEEN THE CAMPUSES THAT WOULD RUN FOUR TIMES A DAY ON T/TH. WE HAVE 424 ROMANS TAKING CLASSES IN UTICA AND 90 UTICANS TAKING CLASSES IN ROME. IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING A NEEDED SERVICE TO STUDENTS, IF 2.5% OF THE ROME STUDENTS TAKING CLASSES IN UTICA TAKE THE SHUTTLE, THAT WILL SAVE <u>10 SPACES</u>**.

Increased communication and stricter parking policy:

- There is a noticeable need to communicate the availability of the "Dorm Lot" to students. On several occasions, vehicles were parked on the sides of the Tilden Ave extension when there were plenty of available spaces in the "Dorm Lot". We recommend a sign be placed by the entrance to the lot and communication be sent to students making them aware that the lot is not only for Dorm students. **MARKETING & FACILITIES ARE WORKING TO HAVE A SIGN UP BY THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES. ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS OF THIS AREA SHOWED THAT 312 SPACES EXIST AND OFTEN HAVE FEWER THAN 200 SPACES TAKEN. NEW SIGNAGE IS BEING DEVELOPED TO RENAME THE LOT TO HOPEFULLY GAIN A MINIMUM OF <u>50 ADDITIONAL SPACES USED</u>**. (Designations will be changed in future publications and maps.)

- During the winter months we lose approximately **<u>30</u>** spaces when the parking space lines are not visible. We recommend that a stricter towing policy be put into place that changes the number of tickets before towing from three to two. **THE SECURITY DEPARTMENT WILL IMPLEMENT A MORE AGGRESSIVE TOWING POLICY AS RECOMMENDED IN ADDITION TO HAVING SECURITY STAFF OUT IN THE MORNING TO HELP LINE UP THE INITIAL SNOW-COVERED SPACES WHENEVER POSSIBLE SO NO SPACES ARE LOST. WE WILL ALSO CONTACT THE COUNTY TO TRUCK OUT SNOW IF WE HAVE A HEAVY WINTER.**

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- The gymnasium parking lot was off-line this fall and is now back in operation, adding back **23 parking spaces** that were not available this fall.

Aggregate Recommendations:

The original recommendations hoped to attain **approximately 231 parking spaces**. The recommendations as implemented will attain **approximately 186 parking spaces** that were not available this past fall.