Services & Facilities
2010 Year End Report

Services and Facilities met on an as-needed basis this year based on complaints, queries and issues that arose. Most issues seemed to regard parking, as usual. Campus safety, custodial duties and staffing, and building safety were among the other issues the committee monitored and responded to this year.

The respiratory issues suffered by those working in the Houchens Building following the flood were reported and monitored. Physical Plant and DEHS were called several times on the matter.

Traffic and parking issues were a hot topic this year, particularly due to the closing of Eastern Parkway and other construction projects around both campuses this year. Traffic on Cardinal Boulevard, particularly in the evening, was reported and solutions requested several times.

Parking and shuttle service were monitored and questions raised about the 620 Garage, the lack of blue or green parking on HSC, and the shuttle stop at the 620 – which was supposed to be in place by March 1, but finally opened on May 3. Various hazards and problems were reported to parking about the HSC Dental School lot, mostly due to the ongoing construction/renovation of the Dental School. Most issues were resolved quickly in that area.

Signage was requested for the Floyd Street Garage during icy weather. The roof level is closed when it is icy, but signage was not visible until one got to that level. Signage was requested to be posted at the entrance during inclement weather.

Safety at the crosswalk near the SAC was discussed and reported. It is difficult to see that crosswalk when coming from the north, due to the curve and rise of the street. A new crosswalk system involving motion sensored lights was installed and seems to be working successfully.

Problems due to the construction on Eastern Parkway were monitored and reported. Most issues were dealt with in a timely manner, if a resolution was possible.

Ways to publicize DPS escort services were discussed. DPS will escort up to four blocks from campus if necessary.

The committee discussed how the campus has grown, both physically and by numbers of employees and students, yet campus services (DPS, custodial, physical plant, etc.) have not been increased at the same rate. The same number of staff are taking care of a lot more space and people. This issue needs to be addressed, but as is the case with other staffing issues, the budget makes hiring new staff problematic.

Respectfully submitted,

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