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## Agenda

- Senator Albritton opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- First order of business: Parking on Campus
  - Move to suspend rules for this purpose
    - No opposition
    - Passed
  - Initiative by Chancellor in 2010 for transportation
    - Zipcars came of this
    - RebalPedals came of this
    - Committee was formed to study parking/transport issues
  - Committee recommendations
    - Create a Dept of Parking and Transportation
      - Previous dept was part of police without exclusive focus
      - Transportation issues were outsourced to Oxford city
    - Isaac Astel (sp?) is now director of said Dept and will present/field questions
  - Isaac Astel (sp?) presentation
    - Howry/Falkner lot rerouting has gone over to Fac/Staff
    - Residence hall numbers are comparatively low
    - Commuters lost 930 spaces this year; more permits sold than spaces
    - Encouraging use of new Express Shuttles from satellite lots
    - Traffic and parking committee will have a faculty senate rep and will convene within one month
      - Points will include bikes, trailways, shuttles
  - Questions
    - What is the long-term plan for campus parking?
      - Inner part of campus will eventually be foot and bicycle traffic only
      - Need to disabuse people of the idea that you can park within 100ft of your destination and drive between buildings
      - Law school is particularly rough
    - What about advance notice of parking changes? Could wording/ideas reflect the situation of young mothers who are working for UM?
      - Issues are recognized; any offense is unintentional
    - Does the long-term plan include parking structures?
      - Costs are prohibitive; \$12-15k for above ground per spot and \$40k per spot below ground
      - Maintenance is also an issue
      - Money could solve issue, but express shuttle route with federal matching funds is more cost-effective and has no add'l costs
      - Structure would cost an add'l \$120/month per space

- Structure is in long-long-long term plan
  - What about gates for faculty lots? E.g. Ohio State.
    - Investigations are ongoing (e.g. studies of 3-year outcomes); idea has been discussed
  - Comment: parking enforcement effort has been good last few days
  - What about satellite campuses? Fees are the same and information flow is really bad
  - Comment: Decisions should be made with faculty input; latest decisions seems like input was lacking
  - Comment: Keeping longer hours as staff; arriving early and not being able to take a lunch, not commensurate with pay
  - Comment: Transit hours do not reflect faculty hours; start too late and end too early
  - Comments: Assorted anecdotal complaints
- Second order of business: Election of Senate officers for 2012-2013
  - Opening comments
    - Timing of election is problematic; governance committee might consider changing it
    - Committee vacancies need to be filled; committee service is essential to functioning of Senate and governance committee should look to doing something about this
      - Senate committee representatives should come from senate, ideally
    - Newly elected senators should:
      - Sign in with name, department, and email
      - Choose three committees from a list
  - Election of officers: questions
    - Term of office is one year for officers; may be reelected once
    - Comment: President of faculty senate would get course reduction
      - Provost Stocks: Would be willing to try to find such a thing
  - Election for Chair
    - Move for Michael Barnett
      - Nomination accepted with the caveat that at least three meetings over the coming year; vice-chair will have to fill in
    - Nomination that voting be closed and Michael be elected by acclamation
      - Seconded
      - Approved unanimously
  - Election for Vice-Chair
    - Move for Brian Reithel
    - Nomination that voting be closed and Michael be elected by acclamation
      - Seconded
      - Approved unanimously
  - Election for Secretary
    - Move for Judy Greenwood
    - Nomination that voting be closed and Michael be elected by acclamation
      - Seconded
      - Approved unanimously

- Third order of business:
  - Elections for Academic Affairs, Academic Support, Finance, University Service, Governance, Executive committees
    - Senators directed to break up into committees of interest
    - Senators directed to elect chairs from among the members so chosen
- Senator Barnett closed the meeting at 9:00 p.m.