Bemidji State University Parking Committee/Advisory Board Meeting December 7, 2022

Location, Date & Time:

Meeting was held December 7, 2022, at 1:00 PM in the Hobson Memorial Union Conference room.

Present:

Student Senate President Caleb Travis, Student Senate representative Quentin Wortley, Mike Smith, Bill Joyce, Travis Barnes (Aaron Ebbighausen, Casey McCarthy, Danelle Haugen all non-voting members).

Absent:

Stephanie Bard, Mark D. Johnson, Larry Strowbridge, Tom Beech, Lessig Bellig

Aaron Ebbighausen noted there was a quorum present, and the meeting was called to order. No old business was discussed.

New Business:

Agenda item brought to this committee from President Hoffman to discuss the possibility of NTC parking permits to be honored in the BSU Bangsberg Parking lot. Members discussed BSU parking permits are honored in the NTC parking lots but NTC permits are not honored in BSU parking lots.

It was discussed that there could potentially be complaints regarding the large difference in permit prices, NTC permit price is \$65.80 per year and BSU parking permit for Bangsberg/green permit is \$208.20 per year. Members indicated BSU students may have concern that their cost for a permit is significantly more expensive than at NTC and may make issue of this. Comparing the two parking permits is difficult but it was noted that part of the cost difference is the mere location of NTC and

availability of street parking at NTC and if the parking permit cost was increased, students may not purchase a parking permit at NTC. Discussion that the institutions are separate but acknowledged the alignment of both. It was discussed the difficulties of services overlapping both institutions and as we remain separate this may further complicate future questions. Members indicated this occurred several years back with various fees being added and how to balance the fairness between the two institutions. The question was asked on what we've done in the past related to NTC students coming to BSU campus. It was explained that Public Safety would receive multiple lists to not ticket NTC students/staff/faculty having various classes or business held at the BSU campus (mostly nursing/welding etc.). It was explained that to manage and enforce such requests was extremely difficult as it was constantly changing and created a very messy structure. It was also noted we received multiple theft/forgery issues and opened many vulnerabilities within the parking structure. Members agreed the numbers of NTC permits at BSU may be limited and did understand both sides of this request. Public Safety indicated from an enforcement approach if approved they will monitor any significant increase of NTC permits at BSU and report any issues that may occur.

Travis Barnes made a motion for the NTC parking permits to be honored in the BSU Bangsberg parking lot, motion was seconded by Travis Caleb and approved by all members voting in favor. Motion passed. It was noted that if cost concerns come up in the future it will be re-addressed.

No other issues were brought forth.

The meeting was adjourned by all those in attendance.