

May 16th, 2007

JP Dunn, Vice Chair
A/P Staff Council

Council Members,

The Parking Appeals Board has had another productive year. Our five (5) member board, consisting of three full time representatives and two student representatives, contained three returning members and two new members; Civil Service Representative and the USG President. Results of this year’s findings, ideas for improvement, and some questions regarding the coming academic year are listed below.

Results

Below are the results of all ten (10) meetings held for the summer and fall 2006 semesters and the spring 2007 semester. The committee must have had quorum to listen to appeals and make a decision. A quorum was three or more members of the board present for the appeal process. *Granted* appeals were appeals that the board felt were appropriate to over-turn and permit a credit or reversal of the fine from the first level of appeals based on evidence and/or statements provided by the person appealing. *Denied* appeals were appeals the board decided the violation or infraction was valid and the person issued a citation was responsible for paying the fine. *Reduced* appeals were appeals that the board decided an alternate violation or infraction took place and subsequently incurred a lower fine amount. *No Shows* were appeals where persons seeking appeals did not attend the appeal process on the date they selected through Parking Division. All No Shows are automatically ruled “Denied” as per Parking Appeals Regulations.

	July '06	Sept '06	Oct '06	Nov '06	Dec '06	Jan '07	Mar '07	Mar '07	Apr '07	May '07	Totals
Grant	1	1	2	2	0	0	4	2	2	1	15
Denied	3	7	9	6	5	3	5	8	7	1	54
Reduced	2	1	3	3	2	3	1	0	2	0	17
No Show	8	8	7	14	10	8	6	4	9	6	80

Recommendations

Problem areas where the board reviewed the highest number of appeals are listed below. Students, faculty and staff need to either be taught or shown that looking for the colored squares on parking signs is not enough to inform persons whether they can legally park. Though all persons who purchase a decal are given a set of rules and regulations, the board has often found that little if any time is being spent on actually reading this information prior to parking illegally. The highest concentration of violations has occurred in the following lots:

- * Lot 1 – West of Lawson Hall
- * Lot 13 – Across from Student Center
- * Lot 29 – Northwest of Wham Education Building
- * Lot 37 – South of Engineering Building
- * Lot 44 – North of Communications Building
- * Lot 47 – West of Neckers

A study of some sort to evaluate whether a significant increase in decal prices will “drive” students, faculty and staff to alternative means of traveling to campus and/or parking in alternative lots further away from buildings (i.e. charge a higher price for convenience parking) may be a good idea to determine how important parking is to persons who use the campus lots. It may be helpful to learn what is the price elasticity of a parking decal on the campus is to determine what an appropriate rate to charge decal purchasers.

I hope that this information is beneficial and informative for the council. If there should be anyone with questions, please feel free contact me at the following phone number: 618-453.5711.

Respectfully,

Keith McMath
Parking Appeals Board - Chairperson