

PASS Forum 2006 –Summary Report September 2007

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Food Services	<p><i>Students expressed concern that there is only one register in the Greenhouse which delays check-out.</i></p> <p>Brad Chandler stated he would explore moving the register to have a line on each side. There are not credit card connections to have 2 registers.</p> <p><i>Student said they liked the breakfasts offered at Joe's and the Greenhouse. Sushi got mixed reviews.</i></p> <p><i>Students requested a hot line at the Greenhouse and that Dr. Pepper be added to the fountain drinks.</i></p> <p>Dr. Pepper is now available.</p> <p><i>Students requested theme days be added to increase variety of food offered. They asked if vendors could sponsor events/offer giveaways. They asked if discounts could be offered at Starbucks. An update on the plans to remodel Joe's was requested.</i></p>	Bill Robertson (replacing Brad Chandler)	Awaiting response from Bill Robertson
Parking for part-time nursing students	<p><i>Nursing students expressed concern that part-time nursing students could only purchase 15 parking tokens. Only full-time students may purchase a student parking pass as supported by SGA.</i></p> <p>This issue was resolved by permitting part-time nursing students to purchase additional tokens if they will be on campus more than 15 days in a semester.</p>	Vince Loffredo & Bruno Cristelli	X
Student Insurance	<p><i>Students had questions regarding what was covered under the student insurance policy offered by UT System. They also questioned who determined what the coverage should be available.</i></p>	Terry Dick	X

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	<p>Terry Dick reported that UT System made the decision to select Mega Life (now United Healthcare). They look for the best policy for the least cost for all UT System students. UTMB students are not required to have Mega Life but they are required to have health insurance. Other options have much higher premiums than Mega Life. Terry met with SGA to discuss their concerns and she is available to talk with students who have questions about what the student policy covers.</p>		
<p>Cheating & Professionalism</p>	<p><i>SAHS students reported observing open cheating during exams; talking and whispering.</i> SAHS reported that issues are addressed but due to confidentiality outcomes cannot be reported back to other students. Facts are also needed to investigate and many students are not willing to give specifics or go on the record regarding cheating. It was reported by the SOM, GSBS and SON Student Affairs Deans that there have been policy changes to correct this issue. Raymond Lewis, SAHS Student Affairs Dean stated that the SAHS has not made any changes recently to its policies regarding cheating.</p> <p><i>Medical students reported concern that students are using ADHD drugs (stimulants) to improve concentration and performance on exams.</i> Student wellness staff worked with interested students and presented two forums on ADHD and the use of stimulants. A program on ADHD was presented on March 1, 2007 and attended by approximately 100 students and faculty. A second session to answer student questions took place on March 29, 2007 with about 20 students attending. Based on written</p>	<p>Student Affairs Council</p>	<p>X Continue to monitor</p>

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	feedback, both programs were successes.		
Campus Housing	<p><i>Students in campus housing do not feel safe. The housing is depressing. Rooms and furniture not clean.</i></p> <p>Capt. Turner reported that there are no plans for any type of electronic security systems for student housing. He noted that UTMB officers routinely patrol the student dorm areas. Some of the furniture in the current dorms is being replaced or cleaned.</p> <p>Construction of new UTMB dorms was approved by the Board of Regents in August. An architect is being selected. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2008 and new dorms to be ready for occupancy by late 2009. The hope is to add approximately 150 single occupancy furnished housing units on the west end of campus. Students will be included in the group that develops the design plans for the new dorms.</p>	Bruno Cristelli & Kim McKay & Sandy Turner	In Process
Parking	<p><i>Students would like more spaces at Harborside and Market. Would it be possible to change curbside parking to diagonal parking to create more spaces? Could there be more spaces made available to students in the SAHS/SON garage? What will be the impact of new 11th Street landscape project on student parking?</i></p> <p>Parking issues were addressed by Bruno Cristelli. He is reviewing options for additional student parking. He shared that diagonal parking may not be an option due to required clearances on the street. He is reviewing capacity and option to add more spaces in the SAHS/SON garage. The landscape project will only result in the loss of 4 student parking spaces. The students were pleased to hear this as they had anticipated the loss of more spaces.</p>	Bruno Cristelli	X Continue to monitor

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Technology – mail box size & wireless access	<p><i>Students would like more mailbox space. VPN Access from home is difficult. Could students have a separate server for file storage? When will the campus be entirely wireless? Students have identified buildings that are a priority to them for wireless access:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Library</i> • <i>Student Center</i> • <i>Levin Hall</i> • <i>MMRC</i> • <i>Keiller</i> • <i>Mary Moody Northern</i> • <i>Clinical Science Auditorium 3rd floor</i> <p>Student mail box size has been increased. The instructions for connecting to VPN will be provided to incoming students and is available to print from the web. It was suggested that students use thumb drives to store their personal files. IS is requesting funding to make the entire campus wireless. A list of buildings that already have wireless access is available on the web. IS meets regularly with SGA to address student questions and concerns.</p> <p>Dr. Saavedra remarked that if students are at some point required to have lap top computers that the campus must be able to support them with wireless access and access to outlets in classrooms.</p>	Jodean Schmiederer & Todd Leach	X Continue to monitor
Jamail Student Center	<p><i>The Jamail student center needs updating and repairs. Funding needs to be identified for remodeling.</i></p> <p>Jodean Schmiederer reported that funding has been identified and the student center is in the process of having designated</p>	Jodean Schmiederer	In Process

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	<p>areas painted and that some furniture is being/has been replaced. The redesign/remodeling of Joe's may be done this fall but there is no definite start date or plan for this project. A student referendum is planned for this academic year to initiate a student center fee to fund ongoing physical plant and furniture needs for the student center. The fee proposed is \$30 per semester.</p>		
Library	<p><i>Students would like more private study space. The furniture needs to be cleaned or replaced. Students would like the hours the library is open extended. The students would like more social journals. Complaints related to phone etiquette in the library were expressed.</i></p> <p>Pat Ciejka reported that when the online testing area is not being utilized it will be open for students to use as study space. The library furniture has been cleaned. Pat reported that students may request new journals on the library web site. Library hours are based on the national average and this is reviewed on a regular basis. She also reported that people talking on cell phones are encouraged to go to the first floor to use their phone.</p> <p>Kim McKay from FOAM reported that an \$8 million dollar renovation project for the library has been approved. This will include infrastructure upgrades and bringing the library into ADA compliance. Students will be part of this planning process.</p>	Pat Ciejka	X
Parking Rules & other miscellaneous parking issues	<p><i>Several other concerns were raised: is there proper signage for a handicapped parking space in front of the Graves building; need for students to know parking "rules"; is there a schedule for the Trolley; does your car need to be parked</i></p>	Sandy Turner & Bruno Cristelli	X

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	<p><i>within the parking lines.</i></p> <p>Sandy Turner and Bruno Cristelli answered these concerns. The sign in front of the handicapped parking space is at the required height. Parking rules are given to students when they pick up their parking pass. They are also available at the parking office if students need another copy. The trolley has a schedule but circumstances may result in the altering of this schedule. Kim McKay reported that there will be two trolleys running to 20th & Strand on a trail basis. Cars do need to be parked within the designated parking area and not just practically within the lines.</p>		