

Standing Committee Annual Report

Name of Committee or Council: Campus Safety and Roads Committee

Chair: Matt Jones

Meeting Dates in Current Year: Oct 21, Mar 31

Major Activities or Accomplishments:

1. The Center for Extended and Distance Education (CEDE) as well as Tri-County Upward Bound (TCUB) and Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) will occupy the McReynolds space along with Grants and Sponsored Programs. CEDE, TCUB and VUB all offer many services to the public (classes, training, seminars, consultations with TSBDC etc.). They would like to request the spaces in front of McReynolds not already designated for Health Services or handicap parking be designated specifically for customers of CEDE, TCUB and VUB (about 14 – 16 spaces). They request signs be placed at the parking spaces similar to the signs for Health Services spaces. They would provide their students and clients with temporary parking decals. They do not want the spaces marked simply “visitor” because in that case other visitors to campus would likely use those spaces. They would agree to monitor the use of the lot and if at all possible, downsize their request after a semester of use.

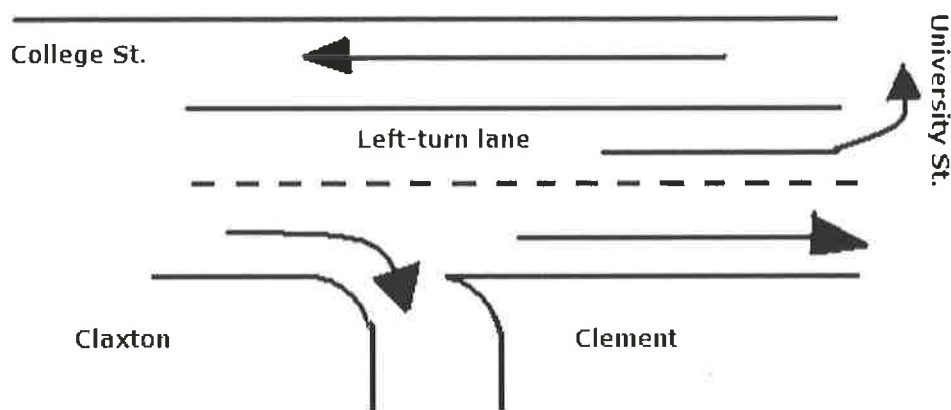
The Safety and Roads Committee feels there is no precedent for this kind of parking designation, and that the CEDE, TCUB, and VUB participants simply utilize existing spaces designated for visitors. However, their concern seems valid in that a large part of their mission deals with being an outreach arm to the community, and if APSU does not provide parking for individuals enrolled in its programs, customers will eventually give up on them. I request this issue be given further consideration by powers outside the committee on safety and roads. Also, they would like to know of a decision as soon as possible since they are moving to McReynolds now. Thank you.

2. Significant concerns have been raised about the security of the new APSU building at Fort Campbell. I plan to meet with Chief Biles soon to address the issues, and an additional report will be forthcoming.
3. Manny Ballen has submitted a DB70 to TBR regarding the flooding on Drane St. Part of the solution requires separation of the storm water and sanitary sewer water by replacing one line with two. This has been an issue for many years and is complicated by the fact that APSU owns the street but the City maintains the lines. This issue is “addressed” in the Master Plan, section III B 3. A quote from page 3 reads:

“The City has no immediate plans to address further the combination sewer systems near APSU, as their most immediate efforts will be concentrated on the south side of College Street. Given the capacity and flow deficiencies of the existing combination sewers, along with the age of this

infrastructure, it is recommended that discussions with the City of Clarksville Gas & Water Department and the City of Clarksville Street Department be continued."

4. The Committee voted 5 to 2 in favor of reversing the direction of traffic flow between the Clement and Claxton buildings, and the Committee forwarded the recommendation to President Hall. However, upon further examination of the issue, the City of Clarksville recommended the flow of traffic remain as is because otherwise the left-hand turn lane in the west-bound side of College St. would queue far enough to the east to prevent traffic from entering campus from the east bound lanes on College St. Members of the Safety and Roads Committee still favoring the change believe making the proposed entrance a right-turn only would eliminate the concern of the City of Clarksville (see diagram below).



5. At the beginning of past semesters there has been a one week grace period for students paying parking tickets. We propose higher parking fines for students parking in faculty spaces, as well as ticketing to begin the first day of class.
6. Ryan Forsythe and the Office of Admissions has received permission for six parking spaces allocated exclusively to Admissions vehicles.
7. Regarding early ticketing, there has been a one week grace period at the beginning of the semester. We will now go to a no grace period policy.
8. Motorcycle permits are currently not designated by student/faculty status. Chief Biles will propose them to be colored red for faculty/staff, green for students, etc. for TBR approval.
9. On the issue of designated motorcycle parking, because cyclists pay the same as automobile drivers, and because the proportion of commuters with motorcycles is so low, the Committee feels cyclists should be allowed to park in spaces large enough for cars, and that no designated motorcycle parking is necessary. It has been suggested cyclists try to park two motorcycles in each automobile space, but the Committee feels this is not enforceable.
10. Chief Biles and Manny Ballen feel we have enough bicycle racks on campus, and we do not need any more.

11. The traffic light at 8th and College has been adjusted in APSU's favor once in recent years. At this time, the City of Clarksville is reluctant to raise the proportion of time the light is green for southbound traffic.
12. The Committee recommends permanent signs pointing to additional campus parking, as well as temporary cardboard signs in the grass placed before the start of semesters.
13. The Committee recommends the STOP sign that used to be at the northeast corner of the Clement building be replaced.
14. There is concern that the smoking rules are not enforced. However, the Committee feels these rules are not enforceable. How can we have rules that aren't enforced? The ban on smoking (except in designated parking lots) was an SGA referendum that passed through TBR. Craig Amabile serves the Campus Safety and Roads Committee as well as SGA. He has agreed to bring the issue up with SGA.
15. There is feeling that Peay Pickup may not be worth having as it is often faster to walk across campus than wait for a ride.
16. Housing students parking in the Harville lot as well as the first row of the Trahern lot should be ticketed. These spaces are reserved for commuter students.
17. It has been requested that more crosswalks be placed on College St. However, this request seems futile because crosswalks can only be placed at positions of controlled stops. There are currently no controlled stops on College St. without crosswalks.
18. Parking in the Trahern lot has been changed to faculty staff.