

Date: October 5, 2016
To: Budget Committee of Senate
From: Mr. Matt Milovick, Vice-President Administration and Finance
Re: TRUSU Annual Budget Consultation Report (2016/17)
- Parking

Purpose: The purpose of this memo is to provide BCOS and TRUSU with feedback regarding the issue of parking raised in TRUSU's Budget Consultation Report (2016/17).

Parking: The following generic recommendation (in *Italics*) was provided by TRUSU (with the Administration's response below):

- *Students request and look forward to service plans and allocation of resources to improve affordability, value, space and demand management, and the flexibility of rate options.*

Subsequent to the TRUSU budget report which was received in September 2014, on July 28, 2015, TRUSU wrote to the Vice-President, Administration and Finance, asking for 8 specific changes to be implemented for September 2015 – changes that ranged from how rates were charged in specific lots to charging for weekend and evening use of the lots to offset day rates. No communication on parking, informal or otherwise, had occurred from the time of submission of the TRUSU budget report to the receipt of the letter dated July 28, 2015. Asking the Administration to make wholesale changes to its parking operations 1-month before the start of the Fall term (and within a week of permits going on sale) without discussion through the Parking Appeals and Advisory Committee was deemed to be impractical and not in the best interests of the community. That said, TRUSU's recommendations were forwarded to the Parking Appeals and Advisory Committee for discussion in the fall of 2015 which elicited a direct response from CUPE. TRUSU's and CUPE's recommendations were deliberated at the Parking Appeals and Advisory Committee and a series of recommendations were received from the Committee by the VP-A&F on April 5, 2016.

While the VP-A&F, in his discussions with TRUSU staff, did indicate an interest in looking at changes for Fall 2016, no commitments to changes for Fall 2016 were

made. One of the reasons for not committing to a time frame for implementation was because of the potential of future Trust developments and its potential impact on TRU's parking inventory. The Administration did not want to change its parking operations and then have to change them again based on Trust activities. Up to June of 2016, the state of the Trust was still unknown as TRU was waiting on government approval (which had, to that point, taken 7 years to acquire) to proceed. With the Trust firmly in place and working towards its first development, the Administration will be making changes to its parking operations for Fall 2017 based on recommendations received from the Parking Appeals and Advisory Committee and on the Campus Master Plan. While TRUSU (and CUPE) will not see all of their recommendations reflected in the changes, many of them will be and we anticipate an improvement in overall operations and an optimization of our lots as a result. Administration plans to announce changes to parking operations in January 2017.