

UWHA Minutes
August 11, 2009

1. Members present: Ted Claflin (PMR), Monirath Saly (Anesthesia), Karthik Balakrishnan (ENT), David English (Anesthesia), Maya Narayanan (IM), Anand Jain (Anesthesia), Matt Hotchkiss (Anesthesia), Jacob Joseph (PMR), Jasmine Zia (IM).

2. Grant: The grant application has been updated based on feedback from last year's application process. Further information about the grant application will be sent out later this week via email and will be available from the uwresidents website.

3. Website: The UWHA website, uwresidents.com, has been updated based on feedback from residents and fellows. The new website features new colors, links to MedHub and new applications, and inactive links have been removed. In addition, a 'beta' version of the website is also available and can be accessed [here](#) . The UWHA thanks Dr. Aaron Grigg, webmaster, for his efforts.

4. Parking: The results of the transportation survey were discussed at the meeting (see below for details of the results). Based on these results, the increase in parking fees was the greatest concern among respondents. The UWHA executive committee has been working with the administration to understand the current parking fee structure and explore ways to reduce parking costs. Currently, the parking facility adjacent to HMC is owned by King County, not the UW medical system. As a result, negotiations for parking fees have to be done with King County. The UWHA executive committee shared the results of the transportation survey, as well as other parking/transportation concerns, with the members of the Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC). The GMEC will work with the UWHA to raise these issues with King County and other parking authorities.

In addition, there were several residents who voiced concern about the recent rash of car break-ins in the VA parking lot. VA police have increased security (including plain-clothes patrolmen), but remind residents and fellows to hide valuables and lock your vehicles. Many of the cars that were broken into had GPS systems that were visible from the outside.

5. Transportation Survey:

N = 244

Q1. What time do you arrive at work?

- a) Before 5 AM.....2%
- b) Between 5-6 AM.....21%
- c) Between 6-7 AM.....33%
- d) After 7 AM.....43%

Q2. What time do you leave work?

- a) Before 3 PM.....0%
- b) 3-4 PM.....1%
- c) 4-5 PM.....3%
- d) 5-6 PM.....39%

- e) 6-7 PM.....40%
- f) After 7 PM.....16%

Q3. The current shuttle service:

- a) Is adequate.....62%
- b) Needs to run earlier.....20%
- c) Needs to run later.....18%
- d) Should be stopped.....0%

Q4. How often do you use the shuttle?

- a) Daily.....6%
- b) 3-4 days/week.....12%
- c) 2 days/week.....14%
- d) 1 day/week.....34%
- e) Never.....34%

Q5. Would you use a shuttle from HMC to the VA?

- a) Yes.....44%
- b) No, would rather drive.....34%
- c) No, would shuttle from UWMC.....22%

Q6. Which of the following is of the greatest concern?

- a) Expanding current shuttle hours.....9%
- b) Increasing bicycle parking.....7%
- c) Parking rate increases.....54%
- d) Creating a new shuttle service to the VA.....21%
- e) Other.....9%

Q7. Which of the following is of the least concern?

- a) Expanding current shuttle hours.....19%
- b) Increasing bicycle parking.....40%
- c) Parking rate increases..... 14%
- d) Creating a new shuttle service to the VA..... 24%
- e) Other.....3%

6. Financial statement: The UWHA money market accounts have regained some of their losses over the past year but are still significantly below their peak market value. Currently, \$5,000 is allotted for grant funding, and the UWHA is open to suggestions on future spending projects. Residents are encouraged to send their suggestions through their department representatives, directly to the UWHA executive committee, or at future UWHA meetings.

7. The next UWHA meeting will be held Tuesday, September 8, 6:30 pm in room RR-110. All residents and fellows are welcome.

If you have any questions or concerns about these minutes, please feel free to contact me directly at the email below.

Regards,
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