

Parking & PRAC: Next Steps

As part of his response to PRAC's Spring 2023 recommendations, President Coon asked PRAC to do the following:

Engage constituents to review current and possible parking fees and fee structures and make recommendations on how to get the parking fund to a self-support level. PRAC issued a charge in fall 2019; however, due to the pandemic this work was never completed.

PRAC planned to convene a task force on parking, charged with:

1. Reviewing current practices, revenue, expenses, and related data;
2. Reviewing other colleges' parking practices, revenue, expenses, and related data;
3. Thinking critically and creatively about how to have an equity-focused, financially responsible, forward thinking parking strategy moving forward
4. Engaging the campus community in significant dialogue;
5. Providing PRAC with one or more recommendations for consideration.

Given our recent conversations we may want to tweak the scope a bit to ensure we cover some of the other parking related concerns. For example, the review of current practices should include what violations are cited, when, and how, and what revenue from citations returns to COM. Please plan to include a representative from the Campus Policing & Public Safety Advisory Council to ensure there is a bridge to the Council's work.

On September 26th PRAC received an update from the Campus Policing & Public Safety Advisory Council, which indicated parking-related matters had surfaced in their work. PRAC's next steps are:

1. Formalize a work plan, which should include the following based on the President's ask:
 - a. Gather data, including current and recent usage, procedures, budget, citations, revenue, expenditures, other colleges' parking practices, and other related information;
 - b. Determine what revenue is associated with parking enforcement and, of that, what stays with the College (versus the state or other external revenue recipients);
 - c. Determine what expenses charged to the parking fund are required to maintain usable parking lots (maintenance, striping, lighting, code compliance, etc.);
 - d. Determine what expenses charged to the parking fund are associated with parking enforcement (permits, citations, patrol, etc.);
 - e. Determine any other expenses charged to the parking fund associated with any other items;
 - f. Engage constituents to develop a comprehensive understanding of expectations, needs, and concerns related to parking at College of Marin;
 - g. Identify options for a parking management approach that prioritizes both equitable access and fiscal responsibility.
2. Formalize a timeline for option development that aligns with PRAC's resource request timeline.
3. Identify participants to complete the work outlined above, including requesting representation from the Advisory Council to ensure connection to its work.