End of the year report

Parking Appeals Committee

Paul Moe, Chair

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 During the course of this year, the Parking Appeals Committee has met weekly to adjudicate appeals. When a student takes issue with a ticket they receive from DPS on campus, they can file an appeal wherein they discuss the circumstances regarding this ticket, and give an argument as to why the ticket should be appealed or at least reduced. The committee looks over each of these appeals and discusses whether to appeal (reducing the cost of the ticket to zero), reject, or reduce the ticket. We look at maps of the parking lots to better understand the situation, and take into account notes about the situation from DPS and the date and time of the ticket.

 After coming into the role of Parking Appeals Committee Chair in the fall semester, it was my responsibility to put together a team of three people including myself to adjudicate these appeals. This is not an unimportant task, as the Committee is the highest form of appeal on campus, and DPS respects our judgements. According to protocol I had to recruit an active Senator from the body and a student not on the body to round out my committee. The spring semester the senator in my committee became unavailable, and I had no choice but to recruit a different Senator, although the student remained the same. In both semesters the three members of the group read each appeal aloud before discussing what must be done on the ticket. This could be as few as 4 or as many as 30 depending on the week, so we had to be careful to pick times suitable for each member.

We reached a consensus in each and every case, compromising wherever necessary, and strove to give fair and impartial judgements as well. Overall I would definitely say that our Committee completed its mission.