

Traffic Appeals Court Annual Report—FY 14

The University Traffic Appeals Court met twelve times in FY14: July 25, 2013, September 12, 2014, October 24, 2013, November 21, 2013, December 12, 2013, January 23, 2014, February 20, 2014, March 20, 2014, April 24, 2014, May 22, 2014, and June 26, 2014.

Members of the Traffic Appeals Court for FY 14 included:

Faculty: James Gigantino (chair), Suresh Kumar, Omar Manasreh, and Godwin-Charles Ogbeide

Staff: Ana Ayala, Whitney Srsen, Kristin DeAngelo, and Robert Ainley

Students: Andrew Bogner, Weston Hinson, Nancy Purnell, and Benjamin Shuffield

University Police Representative: Michael Oakes

Parking and Transit Representatives (non-voting): Reta Lee and Georgan Prince

In FY 14, 523 appeals of University traffic and parking violations were filed, which represents a 22% decrease from FY 13 when 674 appeals were filed. However, it still is a 23% increase from FY 12 when 425 appeals were filed. The decline in FY 14 is likely due to the Office of Parking and Transit not offering the option to appeal online. This was temporarily eliminated due to a technical website error—all appellants needed to appeal in person at the Office of Parking and Transit. The office hopes to complete repairs to their website by August, 2014 to restore the ability to appeal online when an increase in appeals will likely be seen again. Of these 523 cases, 39 of them are second appeal (an oral appeal) requested by the appellants, a 22% decrease from FY 13 when 50 appellants requested a second appeal. The disposition of these cases is below:

Written Appeals

Disposition	Number of Appeals	Percentage
Upheld (Finding for the appellant)	47	9.71%
Denied	374	77.27%
Fine Reduced	25	5.17%
Warnings	38	7.85%

Oral Appeals:

Disposition	Number of Appeals	Percentage
Upheld (Finding for the appellant)	7	17.95%
Denied	14	35.90%
Fine Reduced	5	12.82%
Warnings	2	5.13%
Denied due to No Appearance	11	28.21%

The members of the Traffic Appeals Court made the following recommendations to the University Transit and Parking Department and University Police Department:

- Resign Student Lot 74A

- Reorganize wheel stops in Student Lot 48A
- New signage in Lot 14B concerning weekend parking

The members of the Traffic Appeals Court also applauded the work of Ms. Reta Lee, our non-voting representative from the Office of Parking and Transit in FY14. Ms. Lee was recognized as Employee of the Second Quarter in February 2014 by the Staff Senate. Three members of the Court wrote letters in support of her nomination and were ecstatic that the Staff Senate recognized her continuing excellent work.

Respectfully submitted June 28, 2014

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