

**COMMISSION ON UNIVERSITY SUPPORT
MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 2010
Burruss Hall, Room 325**

PRESENT:

Members: Leslie O'Brien, Chair, Greg Fansler (for Tom Tillar), Bradley Scott, Angela Hayes (for Betsy Flanagan), Sherwood Wilson, Amro Ahmed, Sue Ott Rowlands, Michael Evans, Mike Coleman, Guy Sims (for Ed Spencer), Jim Tokuhisa, Pat Rodgers (for Erv Blythe), James D. Arthur.

Recorder: Vickie Chiocca, Administrative Assistant

L. O'Brien called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. Approval of agenda

Motion made and seconded to approve agenda. The motion carried.

2. Announcement of approval of November 19, 2009 minutes

L. O'Brien announced that minutes from last meeting in November were approved electronically. The January meeting was cancelled.

3. Old Business

Discussion of Computing and Communications Resources Committee (CCRC).

L. O'Brien asked for a discussion on where we need to go from here. Is the consensus of committee to move forward on the resolution to amend the bylaws to reflect committee structure that is currently in place for the CCRC? If so, who should write the resolution? Should the Commission draft the resolution or IT staff members or a combination of both? L. O'Brien recapped the discussion from the last meeting that is summarized in the November 19 minutes. From the review of the minutes, if we could amend the bylaws to reflect the current status we would have closure and wouldn't have a committee with a "disbanded" status in the Governance structure.

L. O'Brien outlined for the members the issues that were discussed previously:

Representation—Is the membership of the current committees in keeping with what is in the by-laws now? Do we have the representation? Secondly, how does this committee report back to the commission and up through governance?

There was a question regarding student representation. P. Rodgers stated they have invited undergraduate representatives and will invite graduate representatives to the committees. P Rodgers will also report back to the commission with committee

updates. Also, the lead of the 5 sub advisory groups can come to the commission and update on their specific area and commission members can attend any of the committee meetings.

If the committee is in agreement they can move forward with the resolution to amend the bylaws. P. Rodgers agreed to assist in writing the resolution with others. L. O'Brien asked commission members to let her know if they would like to assist in writing the resolution.

G. Sims suggested contacting Kim O'Rourke for similar examples of resolutions.

L. O'Brien noted they will try to have a draft resolution for the next meeting. There are 2 meetings left this year.

4. Reports from Committee Chairs/Representatives

Mike Coleman noted that members have the minutes for the committees and mentioned that the university won the Governor's Commonwealth Challenge, where employees received a day off. The Energy & Sustainability committee will be sending surveys and encouraged everyone to complete. M. Coleman noted the Building Committee and Energy & Sustainability Committee will meet again soon and told members to let him know if they have questions.

Transportation and Parking committee (TPC) – several Commission members volunteered to attend these meetings—Jim Tokuhisa, Mike Martin, and Leslie O'Brien have all attended meetings. The TPC is meeting this afternoon and L. O'Brien will attend. They have two more meetings in the academic year.

Things are ramping up in transportation and parking based upon the issue of parking fees and trying to capture additional revenue to offset those fees. Parking services may be feeling the impetus to make a stronger statement about recapturing some of those fees because there is an agreement from the late 90s about athletics using the parking services and now parking services is trying to reclaim some of those revenues. One of the examples is the new parking garage—it does not fall in this grandfather clause; it can be used by athletics free of charge, so they will charge for parking during athletic events. So that is a big contention—reclaiming fees for the use of parking service facilities.

A member asked: "Right now, if you are a permit holder you don't have to pay for parking, so if you are a permit holder will you still have to pay to park in the garage?" Right now it is \$10.00 per home game across the board. They are looking at some sort of graduated rate for proximity to the field and escalating out. Right now it is a flat rate. They are looking at other institutions. Looking at it on the Parking services side, other institutions have a graduated rate in how much they charge. On the athletic side, other institutions comparable to VT, don't have an excessive charge for parking for those that are ticket holders. There is a recovery for athletics,

the only portion that comes back to parking services is 15%; no justification why it is at 15% or why it can't be more, other than this agreement from the 90s.

Parking and transportation runs parking on campus except during football games where they turn it over to athletics; athletics runs it; and they contract with transportation and parking to provide some services, so they do recoup some of their money. The TPC been looking at additional sources of revenue—e.g., visitor parking, but been told that is off the table. Also looking at the CRC but this doesn't seem worth going after and now they are looking at Athletics. The agreement is from 1999. The committee is writing a resolution to request to have this agreement looked at.

The budget office is looking at this now, regardless of the resolution. It is being reviewed. The intention of the resolution is just to ask that it be reviewed.

The fair market value is an important aspect to look at.

A member asked if fees could go down. If there is a reallocation of the split during football games, it may not go up as much, but they won't go down.

The original justification was that the fees were to pay for athletic scholarships as part of the original agreement. Perhaps it is a different climate now to see how those fees are being used and whether or not they can be reallocated. The point is not to lower fees, perhaps to offset the cost of maintaining spaces the way they are. The wear and tear is not really calculated in these percentages.

5. Acceptance of Committee Minutes

These minutes have been accepted electronically for filing:

Building Committee Minutes (November 5, 2009)

Energy and Sustainability Committee Minutes (October 26, 2009, November 30, 2009)

Transportation and Parking Committee Minutes (November 19, December 10, 2009, January 14, 2010)

6. Next meeting date

March 18, 2010

Adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Chiocca