COMMISSION ON UNIVERSITY SUPPORT
MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2013
325 Burruss Hall

MEMBERS
Members Present: William Dougherty (for Scott Midkiff), Alan Grant, Angela Hayes (for Betsy Flanagan), Ed Lener, Maxine Lyons, John Seiler, Savita Sharma (for Dwight Shelton), Guy Sims, Ryan Smith, Sherwood Wilson, Teresa Wright (for Daniel Wubah)

Members Absent: Robert Broadwater (with notice), Karen Gehrt, Kathy Hosig (with notice), Achla Marathe (with notice), Henry Quesada Pineda, Tom Tillar (with notice), Tom Wertalik, Erica Wood

Recorder: Kayla Smith

Guests: Fred Selby, Jason Soileau, Brant Cox

1. Approval of agenda
Ms. Lyons called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. Mr. Dougherty moved to approve the agenda and Dr. Sims seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

2. Special Presentation on Campus Planning
Jason Soileau, Assistant Vice President for University Planning provided an update on current construction projects and 2 major campus planning initiatives: the North Campus Precinct (formerly known as the B Lot) and the Upper Quad (Attachment A).

3. Announcement of approval of November 15, 2012 minutes
The minutes were approved electronically in advance of the meeting.

4. Old Business
No old business was presented for Commission consideration.

5. New Business
a. First Reading: Resolution 2012-13A
Resolution to Update Charge & Change Membership of Transportation & Parking Committee

The Chair presented proposed resolution, which is based on the discussion that occurred at the November 15, 2012 Commission meeting (Attachment B).

b. First Reading: Resolution 2012-13B
Resolution to Change Name, Update Charge & Change Membership of Building Committee

The Chair presented proposed resolution, which is based on the discussion that occurred at the November 15, 2012 Commission meeting (Attachment C).
c. First Reading: Resolution 2012-13C
Resolution to Change Membership of Energy & Sustainability Committee

The Chair presented proposed resolution, which has been requested by the administration due to organizational restructuring and title changes (Attachment D).

d. Discussion on Campus Distribution of Newspapers, Magazines, & Periodicals
Brant Cox, Director of Business Planning and Development for the Vice President for Administration, presented an update on the university’s management of newspapers, magazines, and periodicals (Attachment E). A request for proposals (RFP) will be issued to recommend a management plan or system for the boxes, which may or may not include advertising options. The current timeline projects completion of the project within a year to 18 months.

Commission members encouraged administration to consider boxes that have a low risk of vandalism (not easily over-turned or scattered) and to consider placing recycling bins next to the boxes.

6. Reports from Committee Chairs/Representatives

Building Committee
Mr. Soileau provided an overview of the January 24, 2013 Building Committee meeting. The Committee received updates on the current construction projects, planning efforts, and a tour of the North End Center (formerly known as the Turner Street Building).

Energy & Sustainability Committee
Mr. Selby provided an overview of the November 26, 2012 and January 28, 2013 Energy and Sustainability Committee meeting. The Committee has several on-going projects:

• The Committee plans to have a formal resolution regarding the group’s review and proposed updates to the Virginia Tech Climate Action Commitment (VTAC) ready for presentation at Commission after the Committee’s February 25, 2013 meeting.

• A subcommittee was formed last winter to examine the university’s progress and suggest updates to the Virginia Tech Sustainability Plan (based on the VTAC). The subcommittee will be working to integrate the national Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) framework into the Sustainability Plan, to simplify and streamline reporting.

• The Committee has and will continue to receive updates on several student-oriented projects.

Transportation and Parking Committee
An overview of the recent Transportation and Parking Committee meetings was not available and will be presented at the next Commission meeting.

7. Acceptance of Committee Minutes
The Chair requested changes to the following list of minutes:

Building Committee Minutes
January 24, 2013
8. **Next meeting date**

   Due to several noted conflicts, the Recorder will send a poll to the members, requesting availability for rescheduling the March 21, 2012 meeting.

**Adjourned** at 2:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kayla Smith
Completion: Summer 2013
- Town of Blacksburg Project
- Funding: 100% Other
- Conversion of road to one-way
- Enhance pedestrian corridor
- Improve town/gown relationship
- Completed in phases
Performing Arts
Completion: September 2013
Budget: $100,087,000
30% General Funds
70% Non-General Funds

- 92,000 GSF
- 1,300 seat auditorium
Completion: April 2013
Budget: $20,097,729
60% General Funds
40% Non-General Funds

- 16,655 GSF
- Additions and improvements to campus chilled water infrastructure
Completion: February 2014
Budget: $95,218,249
50% General Funds
50% Non-General Funds

- 154,935 GSF
- State of the art flagship building
Planning Initiative Update

- B-Lot Precinct
- Upper Quad
The Inn and VT Welcome Center

Route 460

Visitor Entry

North Campus

Drill Field

TOB Business District

Athletics
In the spirit of collaboration, a steering committee representative of a cross section of campus stakeholders was appointed to work with the national consultant in the development of the precinct plan, including the following:

- University Planning (Chair)
- Facility Services
- Provost Office
- College of Engineering
- College of Science
- Student Government
- Faculty
- Architecture and Urban Studies
- Student Affairs
- Traffic and Parking
- Town of Blacksburg
Key Project Goals

- Campus Edge Identity
- Openspace Network
- Stormwater Management
- Efficient Road Network

Performance Criteria

- Minimize Conflicts
- Optimize Buildable Area
- Pedestrian Connections
- Creating Arrival
- Address Service Access
- Garage Access
Reinforce the VT Brand – Sense of Entry

Campus Edge Identity
Minimize Conflicts
Pedestrian Connections

Strengthen link between North Campus and Main Campus – Remove Barriers!
Create Separation between Vehicles and Pedestrians
Optimize Buildable Spaces

Recreate the Virginia Tech Experience!
Optimize Buildout to Create Great Spaces
Location of Multi Modal Facility

Maximize Use and Efficiency – Minimize Visual Impact!
Campus Edge Identity:
Reinforce the VT Brand Through...
Architectural Identity
View Portals
Open Green Space
Minimize Conflicts

Pedestrian Connections:
Remove Barriers by…

- Elimination of Perry Street to create a “Pedestrian Mall”
- Enhance Existing Connections
Optimize Buildable Area:
Recreate the VT Experience by...
Creating Positive Outdoor Spaces that Relate to the Buildings around them.
**Benefit for Blacksburg Transit** - Dual hub maximizes flexibility of operations and route development.

**Benefit for Virginia Tech** - Dual hub minimizes visual impact on precinct.

**Pedestrian Mall** – Provides unimpeded access between North Campus and Main Campus for pedestrian flow. Maintains emergency and facility access at pedestrian mall via mountable curbs, gates, etc.

**Multi-Modal Facility** – To be located south of and adjacent to parking garage. Provides BT office space, and protected area for passengers waiting on buses, as well as amenities for alternative transportation.

**Traffic Control Point** – Located at the southern exit to West Campus Road. Provides right-of-way to bus traffic.
Concept Refinement Discussion - Eastern Hub Intersection

Roundabout

Improved aesthetics and good traffic calming.
Narrower pedestrian crossing distances

*Discussions suggest further investigation of improvements at the Stanger - Prices Forks intersection.
Preliminary recommendations indicate that adaptation of the culvert, in combination with the day-lighting of the stream in select area(s) will provide a valuable visual resource, as well as facilitating a new building site north of Derring Hall.

Further investigation of the character and stormwater capacity of these areas is underway as part of the development of the associated stormwater modeling.
Of Note…..

• Detailed Traffic Analysis being performed to determine impact
• Stormwater Best Management Practices has informed daylighting of Stroubles Creek, stormwater modeling required for full determination.
• Utility and Service corridors to be identified in plan
Concept Refinement Visualization
Concept Refinement Visualization
Repurposing the Upper Quad

December 12, 2012 Update
Primary Use of the Upper Quad is by the CORPS of Cadets
United States

Jordan
Japan
Germany
Denmark

33 States
America Needs Leaders
Growth of the Corps

Class of 2016 - 421 New Cadets
Impact to Residential Quad...
Upper Quad - Existing Bed Count:

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<td>Rasche Hall</td>
<td>287 Beds</td>
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<td>Brodie Hall</td>
<td>303 Beds</td>
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<td><strong>Total Beds</strong></td>
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1,033 Beds < 1,066 Cadets = 33 Bed Deficit

To make up deficiency, rooms in Rasche and Brodie Halls have been converted to triple occupancy

Additional Storage:

Storage requirements for Cadets has increased through the years. **Equipment has not only increased in quantity**, but has also **increased in size**. In addition to personal belongings, each Cadet must also store the following in each resident room:

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<td>Field Pack w/ Frame</td>
<td>20”x15”x20”</td>
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<td>Sleeping System</td>
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<td><strong>Total Space Requirement</strong></td>
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Is Renovation of Rasche and Brodie Halls a Viable Solution?

If the original Rasche and Brodie Halls were restored and brought up to current building codes, a minimum of 3 resident double rooms per wing on each floor would be lost for conversion to bathrooms and egress stairwells for a **Net Loss of 54 Beds!**

Furthermore, the **double loaded structurally load bearing walls** restrict widening existing space to accommodate common space and increase room sizes.
## New Construction Accommodates Growth

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Preserve the heritage... 
...build for the future

New Brodie Hall

Lane Hall Remains

New Rasche Hall
So...Why a Precinct Plan?
Turner Street Mixed Use Office/Retail and 805 Car Garage

Turner Street Ped Corridor

Performing Arts Center

Upper Quad

Academic Core

Drill Field

Squires Student Center

Alumni Mall
This new precinct plan will provide **improved facilities, new amenities and enhanced features** that will solidify this quad as a **center for community activities and engagement.**

This new plan **MUST** acknowledge and maintain the longstanding traditions intrinsic to the **CORPS of Cadets** as expressed in the Upper Quad through its gathering, marching, and other leadership and community related exercises.

**CORPS traditions to be integrated and/or reinterpreted into new precinct plan will include:**

- “VT” paving configuration
- Flagpole and area known as “The Rock”
- Addison Caldwell statue
- Lockable enclosure for “The Skipper”
- Ranger physical training area
- Civil War field guns
Virginia Tech is conducting a design competition, to engage top planning firms, to prepare concept designs for the Upper Quad. This approach is expected to promote “out of the box” planning, consistent with elevating the VT campus (grounds) to an elite status equal to its academic reputation!

Design Competition Target Dates:

- December 20, 2012: RFQ’s due
- January 15, 2013: Planning Firm “Shortlist” developed
- January 17, 2013: Pre-Competition meeting
- January 30, 2013: Competition Q&A
- March 12-15, 2013: Competition Jury
Design Challenge...

Retain the Architectural Character of the Historic Upper Quad

Possibly By...
- Site Elements
- Entry Corridors
- Other

While Introducing and Reinforcing the VT Brand Through the use of Hokie Stone and Collegiate Gothic Architecture
Thank You for Your Support!
Resolution to Update Charge and Change Membership of Transportation and Parking Committee
Commission on University Support
Resolution 2012-13A

First Reading by the Commission on University Support: February 21, 2013
Approved by the Commission on University Support:
First Reading by the University Council:
Approved by the University Council:
Approved by the President:
Effective Date: April 2013

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Parking Committee (T&PC) exists primarily to
review and recommend rules and regulations governing traffic, parking and alternative
transportation on campus; and

WHEREAS, the Building Committee exists primarily to serve as a conduit to
disseminate information and solicit feedback concerning the planned physical
development of campus; and

WHEREAS, there has recently been some overlap of planning-related topics between
the T&PC and the Building Committee due to a lack of clarity in the two Committee
charges; and

WHEREAS, the current T&PC charge does not adequately reflect the full scope of the
Committee’s charge; and

WHEREAS, re-organizations within the Administrative Services division have re-aligned
positions that served as ex officio members of these Committees and whose roles
pertain to the revised charges of these committees;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the charge of the Transportation and
Parking Committee be amended to read as follows to ensure that communication flows
effectively to the university community:

Current:
CHARGE: To recommend policies relating to the regulation of vehicular and
pedestrian traffic and vehicular parking on the University campus.

Proposed:
CHARGE: To review and recommend rules and regulations governing traffic
(including pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicles), parking (including permit sales,
citations and special events), and alternative transportation methods; review and recommend programs to enhance campus parking, traffic, and transportation methods.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ex officio membership of the Transportation and Parking Committee be amended as follows to reflect the recent staffing changes within the Administrative Services division:

**Current:**

MEMBERSHIP:

*Ex Officio*

Director, Transportation and Campus Services
Parking Manager
Chief of VT Police Department

**Proposed:**

MEMBERSHIP:

*Ex Officio*

Director of Parking and Transportation
Chief of Police

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the changes take effect in April 2013.
Resolution to Change Name, Update Charge and Change Membership of the Building Committee
Commission on University Support
Resolution 2012-13B

WHEREAS, the Building Committee exists primarily to serve as a conduit to disseminate information and solicit feedback concerning the planned physical development of campus; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Parking Committee (T&PC) exists primarily to review and recommend rules and regulations governing traffic, parking and alternative transportation on campus; and

WHEREAS, there has recently been some overlap of planning-related topics between the Building Committee & the T&PC due to a lack of clarity in the two Committee charges; and

WHEREAS, the current Building Committee name and charge do not adequately reflect the full scope of the Committee’s charge; and

WHEREAS, re-organizations within the Administrative Services division have re-aligned positions that served as ex officio members of these Committees and whose roles pertain to the revised charges of these committees;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the name of the Building Committee be amended to the “Campus Development Committee.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the charge of the Building Committee be amended to read as follows to ensure that communication flows effectively to the university community:

Current:
CHARGE: To make recommendations concerning the physical development of the University and the planning and construction of University buildings and physical features.

BE IT RESOLVED
Proposed:
CHARGE: To make recommendations and to serve as a conduit to disseminate information and solicit feedback concerning the planned physical development of the university’s built environment, specifically as it relates to buildings, grounds, and transportation planning.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ex officio membership of the Building Committee be amended as follows to reflect the recent staffing changes within the Administrative Services division:

Current:
MEMBERSHIP:
Ex Officio
Vice President for Administrative Services
Associate Vice President for Facilities
Dean, College of Architecture and Urban Studies
Assistant Vice President for University Planning

Proposed:
MEMBERSHIP:
Ex Officio
Associate Vice President and Chief Facilities Officer
Dean, College of Architecture and Urban Studies
Assistant Vice President for University Planning
Director of Transportation Planning

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the changes take effect in April 2013.
Resolution to Update Membership of Energy and Sustainability Committee
Commission on University Support
Resolution 2012-13C

WHEREAS, the Energy & Sustainability Committee (E&SC) exists primarily to “review and provide advice to the University Administration on broad policy issues relating to the university’s energy supply and use, and resource conservation;” and

WHEREAS, re-organizations within the Administrative Services and Finance divisions have re-aligned positions that served as ex officio members of the E&SC; and

WHEREAS, the current role of the Assistant Vice President for Finance does not directly pertain to the purpose of the Committee; and

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the ex officio membership of the Energy and Sustainability Committee be amended to read as follows:

Current:
MEMBERSHIP:
Ex Officio
Vice President for Administrative Services or designee
Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer or designee
Associate Vice President and Chief Facilities Officer
Assistant Vice President for University Planning
Assistant Vice President for Finance
Sustainability Program Manager
Chief of Operations, Student Affairs

Proposed:
MEMBERSHIP:
Ex Officio
Vice President for Administrative Services or designee
Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer or designee
Associate Vice President and Chief Facilities Officer
Assistant Vice President for University Planning
Sustainability Program Manager
Chief of Operations, Student Affairs

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the changes take effect in April 2013.
Commission on University Support

Discussion Topic:

Campus Distribution of Newspapers/Magazines/Periodicals
February 21, 2013

Discussion Point:
Virginia Tech does not currently have a formal policy or mechanism in place for governing the on-campus distribution of newspapers, magazines, and other periodicals. Several vendors distribute these publications and the individual boxes have been in place for years. They share no visual/structural uniformity, produce visual clutter, and sometimes create a litter problem when not properly maintained. A current sampling from around campus:

Burruss Hall

Cassell Coliseum

War Memorial Hall

Squires Student Center
Proposal:
In the interest of ensuring the proper placement and orderly maintenance of boxes, a policy and procedure would be developed and the university would issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to engage an outside party to install modular news boxes with multiple racks, and possibly manage the distribution process as well. There would be no cost to the university as the contractor would be allowed to advertise on the boxes as a means of funding the program. The advertisement below is from the vendor City Solutions and illustrates the concept.

City Solutions can replace long, unsightly rows of individual newsracks at no cost to municipal governments (or publishers) ...with pieces of beautiful street furniture - maintained in, as new, perfect condition.

The program, including hardware, installation and maintenance can be completely funded by ad panels on the newsracks...or can be completely owned and operated by the community without third party advertising.
Steps to Implementation

If the university proceeds with this approach, the following steps will be required:

- Edit current policy 5215, “Sales, Solicitation, and Advertising”, to allow advertising by outside parties under certain conditions whereby it benefits the university.

- Identify appropriate campus locations for placement of boxes (university may choose to include this step in the RFP as to solicit input from the vendors).

- Establish standards related to the size, shape, security and appearance of boxes.

- Develop and issue a Request for Proposal.

- Develop policy for management of newspaper boxes.
Newspaper Box Program Model
(Example from vendor website)

Virginia Tech

VT develops a P&P and corresponding RFP which defines the boundaries and parameters for newspaper boxes & acceptable locations on campus.

Contractor

Contractor provides the self-funded (advertising) program whereby it installs multi-rack boxes in locations as authorized by VT. Vendor may also be asked to coordinate the distribution of periodicals as applicable.

Distribution Rights

Advertising Rights

Newspaper, Magazine, Periodical Distributors

Distributors utilize the multi-rack newspaper boxes provided by the contractor.

Distribution Rights

Advertising Rights

Contractor provides opportunity for outside advertisers.