

**COMMISSION ON UNIVERSITY SUPPORT
MEETING MINUTES
October 17, 2013
Room 2410, North End Center**

MEMBERS

Members Present: Betsy Flanagan, Kathy Hosig, Ed Lener, Maxine Lyons, Warren Nooger, Savita Sharma (for Dwight Shelton), Guy Sims, Sherwood Wilson

Members Absent: Robert Broadwater, Karen Gehrt, Alan Grant, Achla Marathe (with notice), Scott Midkiff, John Seiler, Ken Smith, Tom Tillar, Tom Wertalik

Recorder: Vickie Chiocca

Guests: Deborah Freed, Steve Mouras, Jason Soileau

1. Approval of agenda

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

2. Approval of September 19, 2013 minutes

The minutes were approved electronically in advance of the meeting.

3. Alternative Transportation Presentation

Deborah Freed, Alternative Transportation Manager, provided an overview of Alternative Transportation (Attachment A). A brief discussion followed and included:

- Regulations for bicycles on sidewalks and for mopeds and motor scooters on roadways.
- The lack of early morning bus transportation from campus to Roanoke which would allow patrons to catch early flights at the Roanoke Airport (particularly on Thursdays and Fridays, and at peak travel times). Steve Mouras agreed this was a valid concern and indicated that he would bring the topic forward at a future Smart Way Committee meeting.
- The future extension of public passenger rail transportation to Roanoke (expected in the next two to three years), and the importance of a future passenger rail connection to the New River Valley.

4. Old Business

a. Election of Vice-Chair for 2013-14 Commission on University Support

The Chair requested nominations for the 2013-14 Vice-Chair for the Commission on University Support. Ed Lener volunteered to serve as Vice-Chair. The motion was made to elect Ed Lener as Vice-Chair and was approved unanimously.

5. New Business

a. Discussion of Commission Goals and Agenda Items

Ms. Lyons requested input from the Commission members on potential goals and agenda items to address in the 2013-14 academic year. Several ideas were discussed including:

- Support for alternative transportation
- Items on sustainability forwarded by the Energy and Sustainability Committee
- Input on the new Campus Master Plan development
- Goals that might benefit students (such as the smoking policy revision that the Commission previously approved)

Dr. Wilson reminded the members that the recent focus of Commission business tends to align most closely with the division of Administrative Services units, but that there are other administrative areas which are also part of the purview and charge of the Commission, including: Development, Finance, and Information Technology. Dr. Wilson suggested the Commission consider these additional areas in their planning initiatives and for future presentations. Ms. Lyons asked that members submit ideas for potential goals and future agenda items to her via email.

6. Reports from Committee Chairs/Representatives

Campus Development Committee

Mr. Soileau provided an overview of the September 26, 2013 Campus Development Committee meeting. Updates were provided on preparations for the new Campus Master Plan, plans to conduct a formal ADA study for campus, and outdoor seating areas.

Energy & Sustainability Committee

Mr. Mouras provided an overview of the September 23, 2013 Energy and Sustainability Committee meeting. The Committee received a presentation on the 2013 Annual Sustainability Report and status updates on the VT Sustainability Plan Subcommittee's work, the Office of Energy and Sustainability Student Intern Program and the Green RFP process.

Transportation and Parking Committee

Ms. Hosig provided an overview of the September 16, 2013 Transportation and Parking Committee meeting. Updates were provided on a Parking and Transportation Master Plan study, bicycling, and signage. An issue related to the need for better golf cart operator adherence to university policy was also discussed.

7. Acceptance of Committee Minutes

The reporting Committee minutes were shared electronically in advance of the meeting. The Commission accepted the following list of minutes:

Campus Development Committee
September 26, 2013

Energy & Sustainability Committee
April 29, 2013

Transportation and Parking Committee
February 13, 2013,
April 22, 2013,
May 13, 2013 and
September 16, 2013

8. Next meeting date

November 21, 2013 – 325 Burruss Hall

Adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Chiocca

Alternative Transportation:



promotes and encourages the use of alternative modes of transportation (bicycling, walking, vanpooling, carpooling, riding transit) to get to, from, and around campus instead of a single occupancy vehicle.

Why?

- Financial reasons
- Sustainability
- Health & fitness



On-going Programs

- Carpool – 1449 Participants
- Vanpool – 4 vans
- Bike, Bus, and Walk – 1079 Participants
- Carsharing – now with Zipcar
- Zimride – 836 rides posted, 4,000+ users
- RIDE Solutions

Transit

- **Blacksburg Transit**
3,482,200 (94% VT)
- **Smart Way Bus**
66,050
- **Radford Transit**
- **Megabus**



Solar Bus Shelter



Events

Smart Cycling Workshop



Tune-up Social



What's New?

Alternative Transportation Center



Hokie Bike Hub



Bike Fix-It Stations



- Randolph
- Dietrick
- Squires

Best Workplaces for Commuters

- We've achieved the gold standard in this national competition from 2009 – 2012, and will be participating again this year.



Bike Friendly University



Questions?