

Transportation & Parking Committee

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009

North Lounge Johnston Student Center

**Members Present:** Steve Mouras, Richard McCoy, Dennis Gehrt, Kathryn Dew, Elizabeth Diesel, Jim, Tokuhisa (rotating faculty member), Spencer Joslin, Tom Wertalik

**Guest Attendees (g)/Substitute Members (s):** Lynn Davis (g)

**Members Absent:** Brandon Carroll, Wendell Flinchum, Greg Tew, John Jelesko, Doug Nelson

Minutes Approved: Via Email XX

**Meeting Notes:**

Meeting dates: November 12<sup>th</sup>, December 10<sup>th</sup>, and January 14<sup>th</sup> - In the North Lounge of Johnston Student Center

**Second Appeals \*standing note until no longer needed\***

- Second appeals is in need of student representatives for the appeals process. Students receive a free/reimbursed parking pass if they meet the requirements of the committee. Elizabeth Diesel is contacting GSA & SGA regarding this need. In addition there is a need for staff panel members given many that sit on this committee have been doing so for a very long time. Anyone interested should contact Kathryn Dew.

**Guest Speaker on Carpooling – (Lynn Davis)**

- Lynn Davis brought the issue of carpooling & those applicable for the program to the committee specifically regarding VT Foundation staff not allowed to utilize this program. After some discussion of policies & agreements regarding CRC & VT Foundation the conclusion was reached that unless the agreements between those entities are changed parking is unable to offer the carpool program to those members. VTF currently can get visitors passes for free at the visitor center & the reimbursement for CRC passes are 3\$ of which the employees of CRC are not charged.
- The additional problem arising during this discussion is coordination of resident information so that those interested in carpool can find others interested in their area. (example – 700 commuters from Roanoke alone, but only 70 total F/S participate in the carpool program) The Department of Rail & Public Transportation (DRPT) was not interested in Virginia Tech hosting/assisting in the Ride Share program that matches database information to help coordinate those living close to each other. Steve Mouras was asked to bring this up again with them at their next meeting as its part of the problem when assisting with matching carpool program riders.
- This discussion brought up the financial & time allocations towards alternative transportation parking currently provides. We believe there needs to be better support

from the university individuals & department heads to champion these efforts if alternative transportation programs are to be more highly utilized.

### **Business for this Year**

- We had some more discussion about the charge & its broad range. As such there are two topics of interest that are going to be further discussed after presentations from each bodies sponsor.
  - Athletics Reimbursement was the reimbursement parking receives from Athletics & the rationale behind the roughly (20k) received from parking during football season versus the revenue football brings to the university. Larger question of what is the value of the parking spot on a football game day & how is it assessed.
  - CRC Permits – Although we are aware that the CRC & VT have a special relationship there is an issue of parking availability that both the student & staff are dealing with. As the CRC expands so will the number of vehicles in the CRC hence any with passes can park on campus. This further strains the already low number of free spaces at any given time.
  - Charge: To recommend policies relating to the regulation of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and vehicular parking on the University campus.
  - <http://www.governance.vt.edu/constitution.html>  
<http://www.governance.vt.edu/bylaws.html>

### **Action Items**

- Steve Mouras – Sending Athletics agreement to committee members. Steve will also be sending contact info for CRC & Athletics so Tom Wertalik can setup a time for them to come present to us.