

Transportation and Parking Committee Meeting

21 October 2010

Holden Hall

Present: Kathryn Dew (Chair), Elizabeth Diesel, Dennis Gehrt, Spencer Joslin, Aaron Maertins, Leslie O'Brien, Emily Satterwhite, David Russell, Wendell Flinchum, Tom Wertalik, Richard McCoy

Topics of Discussion

The committee addressed the following issue:

1. Potential Resolutions on Transportation and Parking.

The committee identified two areas it wishes to address through resolutions this year

- Institution of fees for non-Virginia Tech students and employees, particularly for attendees at events sponsored by auxiliary units. Attendees typically pay for a variety of VT services, including dining and housing, but currently no fees are charged for parking.
- Revision of the agreement between Parking Services and the Athletic Department to enable Parking Services to more effectively recover long-term costs associated with parking for football games.

The committee also noted that the Commission on Staff Affairs is exploring a resolution related to a differential parking fee structure; the Transportation and Parking Committee will review this resolution and consider an appropriate level of support once the resolution is put forth.

Finally, the committee considered the question of parking passes for non-Virginia Tech personnel working at the Corporate Research Center, but deemed that no action was needed on this issue at this time.

2. Campus Bicycle Policy

The committee reviewed information relative to the change in bicycling policy that allows cyclists to ride on the sidewalks. Wendell Jones reported that his office received a few complaints about the change when it was first enacted, but has not received any complaints or reports of cyclist/pedestrian accidents; Sixteen accidents involving bicycles in the roadway have been reported since January 1.

Other committee members have received some complaints, however, particularly regarding the area in front of Torgersen Hall.

At its next meeting, the committee will consider the possibility of recommending dismount zones, as provided for in the current policy.

Action Items

1. Parette: Email minutes to the committee prior to the next meeting for electronic approval.
2. Joslin: Draft a resolution regarding parking fees for attendees at events sponsored by auxiliary units.

3. Dew: Contact the Commission on Staff Affairs for an update regarding the resolution on graduated parking fees.
4. Paretto: Draft resolution on athletic events (football) parking.
5. All members: Review current bicycling policy. An overview of the policy (5005) with a link to the full policy is available at: <http://www.vtnews.vt.edu/notices/090210-tcs-bikesafety.html>