Transportation and Parking Committee Minutes
December 9, 2008

Members attending:
John Jelesko
Steve Mouras
Richard McCoy
Spencer Riddle
Pat Rodgers
Jeremy Sutherland (substitute SGA representative)
Anne Zajac

Meeting was called to order by Anne Zajac at 4 PM in Room 230A Student Services building.

The Minutes from November 11, 2008 were approved without corrections.

Old business:

Residence parking. Anne’s attempts to schedule a meeting with representatives from the residence halls were not successful.

The SGA representative was apprised of various factors that are motivating the T&P committee’s discussions about whether to modify the number of residence parking permits (e.g. reduced parking due to new construction, more environmentally-friendly public transportation, parking structures, etc).

The SGA representative asked what information can SGA provide to the T&P committee. The committee was interested in student’s response to two specific questions: 1) which of the four resident parking options listed in last meeting’s minutes would students prefer, and 2) how would the inability of on-campus residents to park a car on campus influence their decision to attend VT?

Steve explained that the university was in conversation with a short term auto rental company (e.g. ZIP car and Ucar) to provide six campus parking spaces for their commercial services. This would not amount to any financial gain or risk to the university.

Moped/Motor Scooter
The listing of 1000 watt power limit is derived from the state motor vehicle code and can’t be changed.
Moped/Scooter parking will be located near regular parking lots and will enable the attachment of moped/scooters to a secure fixture.

Cost of parking permits will be less than current cost of motorcycle parking permits.

A motion to approve the suggested amendments to the regulations was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.

The rationale and legal basis for state service vehicles driving and parking on campus sidewalks was discussed.

New business
Based upon the responses to Anne Zajac's prior email message, the meeting time for next semesters T & P committee meetings was set for the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 4:00 PM.

Submitted 12/10/08 by John Jelesko