

**COMMISSION ON UNIVERSITY SUPPORT
MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2011
Burruss Hall, Room 325**

PRESENT:

Members: Leslie O'Brien, Sherwood Wilson, William Dougherty (for Erv Blythe), Guy Sims, Jim Tokuhisa, Henry Quesada Pineda, Michael Martin, Sue Teel, Lora Cavuoto

ABSENT: Daniel Wubah (with notice), Jack Davis (with notice), Michael Evans (with notice), Jason Grant (with notice), Tom Tillar, Betsy Flanagan, Mike Coleman, Joyce Rothschild, Judy Jones, Suzannah Grubb

Recorders: Vickie Chiocca/Janis Wilfore

1. Approval of agenda

Leslie O'Brien called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. The agenda was approved without changes, and the meeting began with round-table introductions.

2. Announcement of approval of October 21, 2010 minutes

These minutes were approved electronically.

3. Old Business

Review of the Football Parking Plan, Resolution 2010-11A

Leslie O'Brien presented a revised resolution that was discussed by the Transportation and Parking Committee, at their November 9, 2010 meeting. The resolution provides information regarding the agreement between Parking Services and Athletics; wherein Athletics provides revenue to Parking Services from the sales of parking spaces. It also notes that the agreement has not been renegotiated since 1999. There has been much concern on campus regarding the rising costs of parking permits and the recommendation from this resolution suggests re-negotiation of the agreement which could be an additional source of revenue to off-set parking fees.

A discussion ensued regarding the resolution; parking service fees for faculty, staff and students; additional committees/organizations having a similar topic on their agendas, i.e., faculty senate, staff senate, student organizations; in addition to the Parking committee and how parking fees affect pay band 1 and 2 employees as a specific topic. Other solutions were brought to the table, such as, simplification of the process, the possibility of a free parking area that would be remote with a shuttle to bring staff on campus, and a recent program put in place, the shuttle to/from Christiansburg.

The members agreed to a "no call" on the resolution since the Parking Service/Athletics agreement had since been re-negotiated as a part of the normal auxiliary budget process. It was also determined that a vote on the resolution would not be appropriate by this Commission or the Parking Committee, due to the fact that parking fees do not fall under the purview of university Governance. It was recommended that the Parking Committee come back with a more generic resolution stating support for the lowest fee increase possible.

4. **Reports from Committee Chairs/Representatives**

N/A

5. **New Business**

Unified Communications

William Dougherty gave a presentation on Unified Communications. The presentation is attached. Mr. Dougherty announced that vendors were currently at Owens Banquet Hall, exhibiting their technology solutions for the telecommunication system of the university. One of the vendors' systems will be chosen for Virginia Tech. Communication technology will automate and merge traditional phones and data usage into an arena where all will be unified, i.e., phones, mobile or desk, email, instant messaging, etc.

6. **Acceptance of Committee Minutes**

Energy and Sustainability Committee (September 27, 2010, October 25, 2010 and November 29, 2010)

7. **Next meeting date** – will take place March 17, 2011.

Adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Chiocca/Janis Wilfore