

**COMMISSION ON UNIVERSITY SUPPORT  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 16, 2015  
325 Burruss Hall**

**MEMBERS**

Members Present: Cynthia Bonner, Mary Christian, William Dougherty (for Scott Midkiff), Felicia Etzkorn, Ed Lener, Maxine Lyons, Savita Sharma (for Dwight Shelton), Ryan Speer, Tom Tillar, Sherwood Wilson

Members Absent: Richard Ashley, Lay Nam Chang, Betsy Flanagan, Kathy Hosig (with notice), Joseph Jajonie, Chris Kiwus, Christina Lapel, Henry Murray, John Seiler, Ken Smith

Guests: Denny Cochrane, Jason Soileau

**Recorder:** Vickie Chiocca

**1. Approval of agenda**

Maxine Lyons called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. Since there was not a quorum, Ms. Lyons suggested the group proceed with discussion items only and allow time for additional members to arrive to constitute a quorum.

**2. Announcement of approval of March 19, 2015 minutes**

These minutes were approved electronically by the 2014-15 Commission membership.

**3. Old Business**

The Virginia Tech Transportation Survey discussion was tabled since Mr. Seiler was absent.

**4. New Business**

The election of chair to the Commission and selection of the Transportation and Parking Committee representative for 2015-16 were postponed due to lack of a quorum. Mr. Lener, vice-chair, stated that he is willing to serve as chair for 2015-16. Therefore, in accordance with Section 4. *Election of Chair* in the University Council By-laws ([http://www.governance.vt.edu/uc\\_constitution\\_and\\_by-laws.html](http://www.governance.vt.edu/uc_constitution_and_by-laws.html)) there is no need to hold an election for chair. The President's Office confirmed after the meeting that the Commission will need to hold an election for the new vice-chair, and select a representative to the Transportation and Parking Committee, in the fall.

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

The Campus Development Committee met on March 19, 2015. Mr. Soileau noted the following discussion items:

- update on construction projects and projects in design phase;
- transportation project updates
  - 460/Southgate Interchange,
  - crosswalk improvement at West Campus and Hillcrest,
  - Stanger Street safety enhancements,
  - and the Transportation and Parking Master Plan;

- Drillfield Paths Committee update;
- proposed enhancements at Cheatham Quad / West End Market Walks;
- pending master plan updates for the business learning community; and
- the planned 10-year Campus Master Plan Update.

The Energy & Sustainability Committee met Jan. 26, Feb. 23, & Mar. 23. Mr. Cochrane reported on these highlights from the meetings:

- Green RFP program has recently received notice of funding for FY15 projects;
- Waste Management Program update was provided by Rob Lowe;
- An update on the Sustainability Institute was given by Angie De Soto;
- RecycleMania was promoted and results were reviewed; and
- Virginia Tech was the only university selected for the 2015 Governor's Environmental Excellence Award, and this is the sixth time the university has been honored.

The report of the transportation and parking committee was tabled, since Mr. Seiler, the commission's representative to the committee, was absent. Ms. Etkorn asked if something could be done about the traffic bottleneck from the Perry St. Parking Garage and lots onto West Campus Drive and Prices Fork Road, since there are currently no stoplights. Mr. Soileau reported that the traffic signal on West Campus Drive is scheduled to reopen this summer in June, which should alleviate the backlog by providing left turn access onto West Campus Drive. A suggestion was made to provide a traffic officer during peak traffic times. Following the meeting, Mr. Soileau verified that the signalized intersection at Perry Street and West Campus Drive is scheduled to re-open by approximately June 15. This will provide a signalized access from the parking garage to West Campus Drive.

#### **6. Acceptance of Committee Minutes**

The following minutes were accepted electronically in advance of the meeting:

- **Campus Development Committee**  
March 19, 2015
- **Energy & Sustainability Committee Minutes**  
February 23, 2014
- **Transportation & Parking Committee**  
February 23, 2014

#### **7. Next meeting date and location**

*September 17, 2015 – 325 Burruss Hall*

**Adjourned** at 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Chiocca