

Transportation & Parking Committee (TPC)
27 April 2015 Minutes
Alumni Board Room, Holtzman Alumni Center

Members present:

Virgilio Centeno, Gregory Fansler, Annabelle Fuselier, Leon Geyer, Bruce Harper, Anne Marie Ihling, Richard McCoy, Hunter Pittman, Ben Poe, John Seiler

Members excused:

Kevin Faust, Drew Muscente,

Agenda and minutes:

The March 23, 2015, minutes were approved.

Parking and Transportation update:

Richard reported that April was a busy month, with the Run for 32, Relay for Life, and Spring football game, but everything went well parking-wise and he heard no complaints. Everyone is now getting ready for graduation.

The contract to complete the new Parking Master Plan has been signed with VHB. The company will be beginning work this summer and will start meeting with the various constituent groups in the fall.

There were a lot of visitors to campus during high school spring breaks. In the past, a special parking area was set aside on the top level of the Perry Street garage, but there was no special parking this year. Visitors parked at the Inn and there were no complaints.

Virginia Tech Police Department:

No report due to the absence of Chief Foust.

Constituent Reports

None offered.

Other Actions and Comments:

Greg reported that last month's motion to add the Alternative Transportation Manager as an *ex officio* member resulted in a telephone call from Lisa Wilkes. There will be administrative discussions taking place over the summer as part of the Parking Master Plan which may affect committee membership. In light of this, Greg moved and Leon seconded to table until this fall the motion to add the Alternative Transportation Manager as a member. Motion passed.

Leon Geyer, current vice chair of the committee, will take over as committee chair next fall. He asked that members let him know if there are any issues they wish to see discussed next year. Richard said the committee will have a role in the master plan update, since all the various constituencies are represented.

Greg asked about the Rail Passenger Survey that is being promoted by the "New River Valley Rail 2020" group. There was a discussion of rail passenger service in the New River Valley, the Commonwealth, and at the university's study abroad location in Switzerland.

Anne Marie reported that the Student Government Association has changed some of its operations, so her replacement on the committee and on the Second Appeals Hearing Committee has already been named. She was thanked for her service to both the Transportation and Parking Committee and Second Appeals this year.

In response to a question, Richard reported that Parking Services is no longer in the Corporate Research Center (CRC) permit business. As of May 1, those who work in the CRC and come on campus will be like any other visitor when it comes to parking. The CRC office has received Visitor Permits to issue to those who need them. He said there is a handful of CRC people who have a strong connection to an office or research project on campus and who will be eligible to purchase a Faculty/Staff parking permit. He said these people are in a category like bookstore employees or those who work for Chic-Fil-A, who aren't directly connected with the university but do work on campus. The small payment that Parking Services received for processing CRC permits will end. As has been policy, if someone is in the Banner system as a student, staff member, or faculty member, he or she will be required to purchase the appropriate permit to park on campus. See the October and November minutes for the genesis of this question.

Next meeting

This was the last meeting of the committee for the semester. The next meeting will be scheduled late this summer for a convenient time in August.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Harper
Recorder