

Transportation and Parking Committee Meeting

21 September 2010

Holden Hall

Present: Kathryn Dew (Chair), Elizabeth Diesel, Dennis Gehrt, Spencer Joslin, Aaron Maertins, Steve Mouras, Leslie O'Brien, Marie Paretti

Topics of Discussion

The committee addressed the following issue:

1. Recommendations from the Commission on University Support regarding the proposal submitted by the T&P Committee Spring 2010
 - Quantify costs as much as possible to provide a stronger case
 - Revise to reflect the fact the CUS cannot dictate parking fees; it can only make recommendations
 - Note that the planned relationships between Parking Services and Athletics is due to be reviewed in the near future
 - Be more specific in the recommendations
2. Potential proposal to dissolve the Commission on University Support
3. Pending actions by the Commission on Staff Affairs and Policies relative to parking fees
 - There is the potential for the T&P Committee to partner with or otherwise support forthcoming proposals
4. Review of Parking Services budget/fee issues (Mouras)
 - Parking Services is a self-sustaining auxiliary unit
 - PS determines income needed to meet budget; University/BOV sets policies on how fees are administered
 - Faculty, staff, and student parking fees are the primary source of income; fees generated by visitor parking varies by event, and many events (e.g. summer, prospective students) do not include visitor parking fees. In other cases (e.g. athletic events), Parking Services receives a very small percentage of the income generated by the unit renting the parking lots.
 - The parking garage now under preliminary construction @ Turner St. will provide 700-800 spaces; the garage is next to the new planned building to house the VT Foundation, Development, Administrative Services, and related programs.

Action Items

1. The T&P Committee will explore opportunities to co-author a small number of targeted resolutions with other units (e.g. Faculty Senate, Commission on Staff Affairs, and Policies) to address parking concerns. Committee members will discuss options with their constituent groups prior to the October meeting.