

Transportation & Parking Committee

September 10th, 2009

110 Burrus Hall

Members Present: Steve Mouras, Richard McCoy, Wendell Flinchum, John Jelesko, Dennis Gehrt, Spencer Joslin, Tom Wertalik, Kathryn Dew, Elizabeth Diesel

Guest Attendees (g)/Substitute Members (s): (s)Bo Frazier

Members Absent: Doug Nelson, Brandon Carroll

Minutes Approved:

Meeting Notes: Schedule was agreeable to members present, meetings will be from 3:30-5pm in the location will be sent shortly. Meeting dates: October 15th, November 12th, December 10th, January 14th

Old Business –

Steve Mouras Updated the committee on the parking garage & new resident parking discussion

- Parking Garage construction began in August with anticipated construction time of 14-16 months
- Construction area is currently taking up 800 Spaces, the footprint of the parking structure will take 400 spots once completed adding approx 800 new spaces to the parking lot vertically. Total capacity of 1200-1300 spaces
- Given this construction we can anticipate a significant increase in parking fees next year between 80-110\$ per permit.
- Currently the town of Blacksburg & the university are discussing the proposal put forth to disallow freshman parking. The university is not in support of disallowing parking for all freshman but is capping the number of resident permits as of this year. Larry Hinker is working with the town to come up with a mutually agreeable plan of restricting freshman permits for parking.

New Business

Second Appeals

- Second appeals is in need of student representatives for the appeals process. Students receive a free/reimbursed parking pass if they meet the requirements of the committee. Elizabeth Diesel is contacting GSA & SGA regarding this need. In addition there is a need for staff panel members given many that sit on this committee have been doing so for a very long time. Anyone interested should contact Kathryn Dew.

Reviewing Consumer Complaints

- The need to have someone review consumer complaints on Parking Services rules & regulations was brought up by Steve Mouras & the committee decided that we would tackle these as they come up but with the following stipulations.
 - They must be emailed to the Transportation & Parking Committee one week prior to our next meeting to be addressed and must be no longer than one printed page. If they are deemed to be an addressable issue further action will be taken. No response is guaranteed from the T&P. Our role will be to review and look for merit and viability of the concerns.

Nominations

- Kathryn Dew was nominated as the Vice Chair of Transportation & Parking Committee
- Spencer Joslin was nominated as Secretary

Business for this Year

- There were quite a few discussions about the role of the T&P committee as well as what exactly we would be tackling this year as an agenda. Below are the topics discussed. At our next meeting everyone is expected to have familiarized themselves with the bylaws, constitution and charge listed below.
 - Charge: To recommend policies relating to the regulation of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and vehicular parking on the University campus.
 - <http://www.governance.vt.edu/constitution.html>
<http://www.governance.vt.edu/bylaws.html>

Ideas brought up for addressing this year

- Pricing Methodology of Parking Permits
- CRC Permit inquiry, cost savings & university position on charging CRC for permits
- Alternatives for Staff parking – given the anticipated permit increases what can we do to offer staff low cost options