

Transportation & Parking Committee (TPC)  
**21 October 2014 Minutes**  
Alumni Board Room, Holtzman Alumni Center

**Members present:**

Gregory Fansler, Kevin Foust, Bruce Harper, Anne Marie Ihling, Richard McCoy, Drew Muscente, Hunter Pittman, Ben Poe, John Seiler

**Members absent:**

Virgilio Centeno, Leon Geyer, Annabelle Fuselier

**Guests:**

Dr. Joe Meredith, John Bartos

**Agenda and minutes:**

The September 23, 2014, minutes were approved with corrections.

**Parking and Transportation update:**

McCoy said the Parking Appeals Hearing Committee will meet for the first time on October 22. The committee will pick a chair and determine its meeting schedule.

The Center for Survey Research should be releasing the parking survey (discussed last month) in about two weeks. It is desired to get a large sample from the university community. Once the survey is complete, results will be available for the T&P committee to review.

Work on the new academic building, which will close the Derring parking lot, will start soon. There will be a meeting with affected people to discuss changes in that area.

The first (and only) Thursday night football game is this week. McCoy asked that people be patient and leave parking lots as soon as possible, since Parking Services has 45 minutes to clear the lots before football permit holders are allowed to enter.

Meredith and Bartos were at the meeting to discuss a situation with Corporate Research Center (CRC) parking permits. These permits are issued by Parking Services under an agreement with CRC management, which pays the university a small fee for the permit (along with a Hokie Passport) as part of the lease of space in CRC buildings. The CRC parking permit allows the permit holder to park on campus, in faculty/staff, student, and other legal spaces. Under Parking Services rules, students and employees of Virginia Tech can not be issued a CRC permit, since they are paid by or attend the university and must buy a VT permit to park on campus. The CRC permit was created because people were parking in CRC lots and riding the bus to campus to avoid purchasing a VT parking permit.

The issue at hand involves Bartos, who works for a private company in the CRC, whose lease includes CRC parking permits, which he had on his vehicle. This fall, he registered to take one class on campus. Because of that class, he was told his CRC permit was no longer valid for campus parking and he was required to purchase a student parking permit.

His concern was over the fact that his CRC permit was cancelled, which could impact his ability to park in a CRC lot. Also questioned was the break point, if any, for the number of credit hours that would impact the issuance of a CRC permit. McCoy said that if anyone was in the Banner system as a student or employee, they were not eligible for a CRC permit and credit hours did not come into play.

After an extended discussion, it was decided that more information was needed. Parking Services employees will spot-check as they can for CRC permits seen on campus. CRC management will poll its tenants to determine how many employees of companies leasing space are taking classes. The Transportation and Parking Committee will review the information at its November meeting and determine what, if any, recommendation to make to Sherwood Wilson about changes to the CRC permit policy.

**Virginia Tech Police Department update:**

Foust reported that there are still issues with cyclists riding around the Drill Field.

He will have accident statistics for review at the next meeting, given the time and need for some committee members to leave for other meetings.

**Constituent Reports**

None offered.

**Questions and Comments**

Muscente asked about the parking rule against overnight parking; parking between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. is not permitted except for university business. He said grad students living on campus get Graduate parking permit, not Resident permit. He has heard concerns from grad students who might be working late or overnight in a lab and could be in violation of this rule. Discussion determined that there may be a need to just clarify the language of the rule. McCoy will be asked to address this at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be in the Holtzman board room on Tuesday, November 18 at 9 a.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Harper  
Recorder