

**Transportation and Parking Committee Minutes
November 11th, 2008**

Members attending:

Thomas Foster
Pat Rodgers
Doug Nelson
Ricardo Boulware
Spencer Riddle
Jonathan Reid
John Jelesko
Penny Mills
Anne Zajac
Tom Tucker

The meeting was called to order by Anne Zajac. Introductions were made to benefit the Student Representatives who were attending for the first time.

The Minutes from the October 14th, 2008 meeting were read and approved with corrections.

Old Business:

The Residential Parking issues were discussed. No representative from the Resident Hall Federation was available for this meeting.

The following options were presented by Parking Services:

Option 1: No Freshman parking on campus. 10 of 25 peer universities do not allow Freshman parking. 6 of 25 allow Freshman parking. 7 of 25 have not responded. University Administration does not want to ban Freshman parking.

Option 2: Cap the number of spaces available for Resident parking on campus. Not realistic at this point in time.

Option 3: Raise the price of a Resident Parking pass to discourage parking on campus. May have negative impact on working students.

Option 4: Create Satellite parking lots away from central campus. Would involve increased cost for shuttle services.

After much discussion, a number of the members felt that a combination of Options 2 and 3 would be the best course of action. The number of spaces available on campus would be capped and spaces at satellite parking lots would be offered at a reduced price.

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Assistant Chief of Police Tom Foster talked about the current Safe Ride program and indicated that it could easily be expanded to service satellite parking lots. Various locations for possible satellite parking areas were suggested.

More information on Commuter parking was requested from Parking Services and a survey of residents and incoming Freshmen was suggested.

New Business:

The Bike Policy will be revisited due to the number of complaints from pedestrians concerning reckless behavior of bicycle riders on shared pathways. The VT Police Department has received numerous complaints about near and actual collisions.

Submitted 12/04/08 by Jonathan Reid