

Transportation & Parking Committee (TPC)

October 12, 2021

1:00 PM

In attendance: Diane Agud, Jeri Baker, Kirk Felton, Don Fraser, Sandra Gabbert, Eric Martin, James McClain, Jenny McCoy, Haley Michel, Polly Middleton, Jaden Ringley

Excused: Paul Avery, Kristin Link, Nick Quint, Pam Tate

1. Introductions of new and returning members
 - a. Jeri Baker called the meeting to order and asked attendees to introduce themselves.
2. Update on adding ADA Representation to the Committee
 - a. Resolving appointment of representative
The resolution to add ADA representation to the committee was forwarded to the Commission on University Support (CUS). The Staff Senate discussed the resolution and had concerns about choosing a representative from either the Disability Alliance or the Office of Equity and Access. There was no feedback from the committee, so Jeri will rephrase the resolution for clarity and send to the Staff Senate for approval.
3. Appointment of Chair/Vice-Chair for next year
 - a. Jeri stated that the committee must appoint a chair and vice-chair. She had confirmed through governance channels that it could be Parking Services personnel but emphasized her preference for the committee to function with greater independence.
 - b. Jeri summarized the responsibilities of the chair, which include organizing the meetings, setting the agenda, serving as a conduit for questions and issues, and reporting to the CUS. The vice chair would fill in as needed. Jeri provided examples of how the committee might handle certain issues.
 - c. Jenny McCoy and Polly Middleton both expressed interest in the position and are willing to share responsibilities. Jeri will meet with them to discuss.
4. Other topics for discussion
 - a. Jeri commented that TPC members can expect to receive questions, comments, and feedback from others. She encouraged committee members to bring those forward to the group. Topics can be added to the FAQ section of the Parking Services website as needed.
 - b. Jeri noted that the TPC is now fully staffed, with the exception of a representative from the Student Senate. It will take several months for the resolution to include representation from the ADA community to be approved. She will invite others, such as disability advocate Dr. Ashley Shew and Joseph Cooley (ADA Campus Accessibility Architect), to attend as able.
 - c. Upcoming meetings will feature a discussion of the FY23 budget.
 - d. Committee members had questions about scooter use on campus. Jeri referred to University Policy 5005 that regulates use of bicycles and scooters. In addition to the VTTI research project scooters, students can ride personal scooters on campus. Scooters are moving vehicles, so the VT Police Department enforces their proper use; other complaints can be directed to Nick Quint in Alternative Transportation, who runs a steering committee on this matter. VT has greater ability to manage use of the research scooters and can set speed parameters in certain zones and at certain times, restrict access to

specific locations with geo-fencing, and block accounts of anyone who is abusing scooter use. Scooters can be used both on sidewalks and in roadways, and marking designated scooter lanes on sidewalks could facilitate safer use. The VTTI research project was disrupted by covid and the observation period was extended through May 2022. After researchers analyze the data, they will prepare a report that will determine the continued use of the shared scooters on campus. Nick is the point of contact for further inquiries, to include whether there will be a public comment period.

- e. Diane Agud asked a follow-up question regarding ADA representation on the committee and whether one group wanted to or should be designated the primary organization. Jeri will rewrite the resolution to allow flexibility in selecting representatives.

There was nothing further to discuss and the meeting was adjourned at 1:32 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 9 at 1:00 PM.