

Transportation & Parking Committee (TPC)
18 November 2014 Minutes
Alumni Board Room, Holtzman Alumni Center

Members present:

Virgilio Centeno, Gregory Fansler, Kevin Foust, Annabelle Fuselier, Leon Geyer, Bruce Harper, Richard McCoy, Drew Muscente, Hunter Pittman, Ben Poe, John Seiler

Members excused:

Anne Marie Ihling

Agenda and minutes:

The October 2, 2014, minutes were approved. The question from that meeting about overnight parking was mentioned in follow-up and it was noted that there is no need to change any language in the parking regulations.

Parking and Transportation update:

Discussion continued about Corporate Research Center (CRC) parking permits. Based on the comments at the October meeting, parking enforcement officers did a spot-check of CRC permits seen on campus. The PEO noted the license number and time vehicles were seen, between October 30 and November 14, with numbers ranging from 2 on November 12 to 30 on November 5. McCoy said a number of permits were seen at the same place at the same time each day. He speculated that it could be a case of an employee with a spouse who works in the CRC and using that permit to park on campus.

McCoy said employees who work off campus (such as Extension Agents or those who are in leased space) don't have to purchase a parking permit, but they must have a permit to park on campus. That issue can be taken care of by purchasing a daily permit. Because permit fees cover use of resources, if someone doesn't use those resources he doesn't need a permit.

In the case of John Bartos, who had his CRC permit revoked when he became a student, McCoy said the parking rules state that everyone has 48 hours to notify Parking Services of a status change, i.e., visitor to student or employee, etc. He also noted that even seasonal sporadic employees (such as those hired to handle football parking) must have a permit to park when parking is enforced. For Bartos, McCoy said he obtained his CRC permit before registering for class, but as a student he should not have been issued a CRC permit.

The discussion about CRC permits and parking rules continued. Fansler then moved that the committee recommend to University Council that the CRC contract be revisited in regard to parking, fees, and other uses of campus, because the T&P committee doesn't have enough information to make a determination of what should change, if anything. Parking Services will continue to enforce the rules as written now – VT affiliation requires an appropriate parking permit. The motion passed and Fansler will notify Joe Meridith and John Dooley.

McCoy noted that there has been much unhappiness expressed to Parking Services over the closure of Perry Street and the Derring faculty/staff parking lot due to the start of construction for the new academic building.

McCoy said the Parking Appeals Hearing Committee met for the first time on October 22. The meeting was long but went well.

Virginia Tech Police Department update:

Foust reported the accident statistics for the period from August 1 to November 3:

2 bicycle accidents with bike only
2 bicycle/pedestrian accidents with 1 injury
3 bicycle/car accidents with 1 injury
7 total

The report was followed with a discussion of bikes on campus, pedestrians, and bikes on sidewalks. This will continue to be an item of discussion.

Constituent Reports

None offered.

Next meeting

There will be no December meeting. Members will be surveyed for a date and time for the January meeting and additional spring semester meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Harper
Recorder