Transportation and Parking Committee Minutes
September 27, 2006

Present: Carolyne Dudding, Wendell Flinchum, Debby Freed (Guest), Brad Martens, Richard McCoy, Steve Mouras, Leslie O’Brien for Mary Finn, Tom Tucker, James Tyger

James Tyger called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. and introductions were made. James Tyger will contact Graduate Student Association to see who their T&P representative is.

First draft discussion of the Service Vehicle Parking Enhancement Plan was held. Plan will help control vehicle parking on campus -- acceptable areas for vehicles to park and unacceptable areas like under trees, blocking ramps, accessible walks, etc. This draft should be widely circulated and suggestions brought back to T&P Committee. Plan will be reviewed by various groups such as Staff Senate, Faculty Senate, Student Government Association and others before it will become effective. Most plans are coordinated in the Fall, communicated in the Spring, and put in place during the Summer.

Tickets are issued to Vendor, Business, Contractor (V.B.C.) vehicles. State vehicles are not ticketed as University departments are owners of these vehicles and can not use their money to pay parking fines or tickets. It would be difficult to charge individuals because they aren’t the owner of the vehicles. Parking Services will notify the department heads of vehicles in violation and have them deal with the drivers through their department’s chain of command. A proposal to charge a $15 turf permit to all vehicles parking in other than assigned parking spaces was discussed. More discussion about cost of permits and time permit is valid will be held at future meetings. The Turf fee will generate money to help Physical Plant repair ground that is damaged.

State vehicles (excluding Facility or Fleet Services parking lot) parking overnight should relocate to outer area parking lots. Let departments demonstrate they can handle the extended-period parking without problems.

Bike Safety Awareness – Solicit inputs from your constituents concerning bike/pedestrian conflicts. Should VT allow bikes on sidewalks? The Transportation Dept encourages bike riding on campus. The previous concept -- concrete for pedestrians, asphalt for cars and bikes. Need to increase awareness to get bikes and pedestrians to respect one another. Bike riders are ticketed for sidewalk and roadway violations. No State Law governs bikes on sidewalks.

Concerns were voiced on not being notified of the 3-5 minutes time limit for the second appeal procedure. Parking Services will ensure they inform people who are appealing for the second time either through email or voice mail that they do have a time limit.

The Commission on University Support Chair should send a message to the T&P Committee requesting permission to use gators/golf carts to transport Deans to meetings to save time. A policy would have to be developed governing the use of these vehicles. Fleet Service has purchased one hybrid vehicle. They are looking at getting a sedan and pickup on contract to purchase. Is this going to be a saving to VT?

NEXT MEETING: 25 October 2006
Adjourned at 11:30

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyne Dudding, Recorder