Parking and Transportation Committee  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE ATTENDEES AT THE JUNE 30, 1994  
PARKING  
AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING.  

Meeting: Feb. 2, 1994, 11:00 am - 12:25 pm  
Present: Pat Ballard  Staff Senate  
Richard Alvarez  Public Safety  
Cameron Weaver  Graduate Student Assembly  
Widget Shannon  Staff Senate  
George Lux, chair  Faculty Senate  
A. Curtis Lynch  Parking Services  
Gail McMillan, scribe  Faculty Senate  

Lynch will check on another student member for the committee.  

Agenda item 1.  
The committee approved the minutes of the meeting of Nov. 16, 1993, with few changes.  

Agenda item 2.  
Lux read Ann Spencer's request that employees with 30+ years of service to the university be granted free parking while employed at Virginia Tech.  

Some discussion ensued including the number of employees (40-50) and how this would not significantly impact on parking revenues. There was unanimous approval for this recommendation and a small demonstration of appreciation for the significant number of years of service to the university. It was also noted that this committee does not take making exceptions lightly.  

Agenda item 3 (re proposal for faculty and graduate students to use loading zones for pick-ups and unloading)  
Following brief comments, the committee agreed that adequate procedures already exist for anyone to load and unload in restricted areas by calling the Parking Office. If the office is notified, it is recorded so that if a ticket is issued, it can be voided.  

Agenda item 4 (re potential bus service to Brooks Forest Products Center on Ramble Road)  
After discussion, the committee unanimously denied this request as not being cost effective. In fact, student fees might increase to cover the cost of additional services.
It was suggested that workers at the Forest Products Center might want to join with the workers at the Corporate Research Center and approach the town committee with a joint request.

Agenda item 5.

Lux read a request to designate part of the commuter lot for students who do not live near BT route. The committee discussed several aspects of the proposal, including how difficult it would be to administer such a program (i.e., the need to correlate student's addresses with their parking permit purchase. The request was denied, unanimously.

Alvarez suggested that rescheduling some of the very big lecture classes to nonprime time, would alleviate some parking congestion. This committee will take the recommendation under consideration and discuss it further at another meeting.

Alvarez noted that the Virginia Tech Traffic and Parking Regulations: Students, Faculty, Staff, Visitors, 1993-94 had been accepted into state law and that it would not need to be revised for 1994/95.

Shannon gave a preliminary report about parking for student leaders. Their parking privileges will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Shannon questioned why some cars parked in snow routes were not towed during January's snow storm. Alvarez suggested that since the campus population was so reduced during the winter break, the parking enforcement officers had been more tolerant than usual. However, whenever someone calls the Parking Office and reports a specific problem, that problem is addressed. Alvarez also noted that the Parking Office should be informed about problems with parking lots, such as pot holes needing repair.

The university-wide priorities for snow clearance by the Physical Plant are:

1. roads
2. sidewalks
3. parking lots

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