TRANSPORTATION and PARKING COMMITTEE
November 13, 1997

Present:  Pat Ballard, Becky Brim, H.P. Caldwell, Curtis Lynch, Steve Mouras, Bruce Obenhaus, Wyatt Sasser, Cliff Shaffer, J.B. Sutphin, Terry Wildman

The November meeting of the Transportation and Parking Committee was called to order by the chair, Cliff Shaffer.

Announcements: The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for December 18, 1997 in room 400D Burruss from 1 to 3 p.m.

Approval of October 16, 1997 minutes: On motion by Steve Mouras, seconded by Terry Wildman, and by unanimous approval by those present, the October 1997 minutes were approved.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Graduate School Teaching Assistant Parking Passes: Pat Ballard reported that the Graduate School is doing an adequate job in coordinating the parking passes for Graduate Teaching Assistants. Controls came into play as to term issued (Fall, Spring, Summer), and the valid times of use are marked on the permit. The existing 92 TA spaces appear adequate although 558 passes have been distributed by the Graduate School.

Smithfield Plantation Farm Vehicle Road: Apparently this road is becoming more heavily used by automobile traffic, which is conflicting with the existing bike and foot traffic. Its official purpose is to provide access to the farms. The road is part paved, part graveled. The potential is there for an accident to happen. Can this committee discussed making a recommendation to the University to look at this situation and try to come to some resolution. Some possibilities are to pave the road or to block it from normal automobile traffic (locked gate). J.B. stated that for the past five years funding for paving this road has been requested in the University Master Plan.

Parking near Randolph Hall: Cliff Shaffer noted that this faculty/staff lot is often full after 5 p.m. and on the weekends, primarily with vehicles that do not have F/S permits. As a result, those with F/S permit coming in after hours are unable to park there. A possible solution is to make it a 24 hour F/S lot. Steve Mouras responded that if there was 24 hr. parking for faculty/staff for this lot than there might be requests to make many other F/S lots 24 hour F/S only, and that if you sign it, it has to be monitored. Currently Parking Services and the University Campus Police do not have the resources to do this.

Focus group sessions: Steve Mouras and Curtis Lynch are working on preparations for focus group sessions on parking issues. The idea is to have university groups address a variety of issues and to get input from these groups as to the effectiveness of the Parking Services, what direction parking is going with regard to University expansion/climate, etc.

Vehicle per Space Ratio: Curtis Lynch distributed a spreadsheet
comparing vehicles per space ratio for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997. Cost per parking space on campus now is approximately 1 to 2 thousand dollars per space (parking garage space would be about 10 to 12 thousand per space). There is definitely more need for parking in the central part of campus. Areas being investigated as possible sources for additional parking include Stanger, Schultz and CEC lots.

Miscellaneous items: 1. Contractors vehicles/employee parking - J.B. Sutphin noted that when a contract is awarded there are provisions in the contract for the contractor to have vehicle parking for the firm and employees of the firm. (This issue has been discussed in years passed with no action or recommendations from this Committee.) 2. J.B. Sutphin noted that once the Mall is closed there will be significant loss of faculty/staff parking for a two-year period.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brim, Cliff Shaffer

To Do List

1. J. B. Sutphin and Cliff Shaffer to draft a recommendation for the committee to take forward regarding Smithfield Road.

Transportation and Parking Committee Charter

Members are selected from a cross section of the university population (faculty, staff, students, and parking administration) to be informed regarding the transportation and parking function and when appropriate to express special needs or problems for their constituents. Members of the committee should also be briefed on significant changes and future plans regarding transportation and parking systems and rules. Members of the committee may make recommendations regarding transportation and parking.

Recommendations should first be made to the parking manager and subsequently to the Commission on University Support if deemed appropriate.

Meetings are called at the discretion of the committee chair to discuss issues and to be updated by transportation and parking representatives.