TRANSPORTATION and PARKING COMMITTEE
October 16, 1997

Present: Pat Ballard, Becky Brim, Jennifer Gibson, Curtis Lynch, Deborah Mayo, Steve Mouras, Bruce Obenhaus, Wyatt Sasser, Cliff Shaffer, J.B. Sutphin, Mary Thompson

Guest: Mr. Thomas Tucker of the Office of University Architect and designated ADA Facilities Project Coordinator for the University, to brief the committee regarding ADA compliance in regard to parking guidelines and regulations.

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

Announcements: Cliff expressed a word of thanks and appreciation to the Pat Ballard for serving as chair last year and to Wyatt Sasser’s acceptance as vice-chair and Becky Brim, recording secretary.

Thanks was also extended to Mr. Tucker for taking the time to speak with the Committee.

The next two meetings of this Committee are scheduled for November 13, 1997 and December 18, 1997 in room 400D Burruss from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Approval of September 11, 1997 minutes: On motion by J. B. Sutphin, seconded by Steve Mouras, and by unanimous approval by those present, the September 11, 1997 minutes were approved.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Tom Tucker/ADA Facilities Project Coordinator for the University: Mr. Tucker discussed at length the Federal Law regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act (hereafter, ADA) mandates and how the University is in compliance. Mr. Tucker shared with the Committee a table mandating the number of handicapped accessible spaces for specific size parking areas. Mr. Tucker explained in depth the complexity for the design of handicapped spaces (size, length and width) and how the Federal laws are interpreted.

Planning and committee agenda -- Cliff Shaffer: Cliff raised the issue of goals for the committee this year. In this context, one goal should be to gather information necessary to understand the long-range choices available that regularly get mentioned but never acted upon. To start this process, Steve Mouras and Curtis Lynch were requested to bring information on number of permits issued and spaces available in recent years, and projections for the future.

Handicapped spaces at War Memorial Gym Area -- Terry Wildman: Mr. Tucker stated that the handicapped spaces at War Memorial Gym were adequate. Bottom line: no handicapped spaces will be removed in this area.

Mr. Tucker indicated that four additional handicapped-accessible parking spaces will be created near Burruss Hall on the Norris Hall side. These spaces are meant to address a need for spaces when Burruss
Hall auditorium is used for various events and activities (plays, concerts, musicals, etc.).

Parking Meters at War Memorial Gym Area -- Terry Wildman: Steve Mouras and Curtis Lynch had evaluated the metered parking spaces near War Memorial Gym. As a result of their findings some of the meters were bagged and will be removed. These spaces will revert back to faculty and staff parking. Other metered spaces are under consideration for removal.

During this discussion, it was noted that the current angled parking along the Drill Field greatly reduces the number of parking spaces, as compared to straight-in parking. J.B. Sutphin indicated that straight-in parking had been proposed when the Drill Field road had last been paved and striped. He was requested by the Chair to provide information on the relative numbers of spaces and costs involved.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brim, Cliff Shaffer

To Do List

1. J. B. Sutphin to provide statistics as to angled parking on the drill field, including projected costs to change the current striping, and the number of spaces that might be gained.

2. Steve and Curtis to provide statistics on the number of permits purchased and the number of parking spaces available for recent years, with projections for the future.

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.