Commission on University Support
November 17, 2005
Minutes

PRESENT:
Kurt J. Krause, Acting Chair; Jan Helge Bohn; Sue Ellen Crocker; William Elvey; Ed Henneke (for Richard Benson); Zenobia Hikes; Christine Kastan; Yan Liao; Judy Lily (for Erv Blythe); Heidi McCoy (for Jim Hyatt); Ewen McLean; Brian Mihalik; Nathan Post; Diane Reaver; Tom Tillar; Connie Talbot (for Betsy Flanagan); James Tyger; Uri Vandsburger; Denny Cochrane (serving as recording secretary)

Kurt Krause welcomed members, and asked that they introduce themselves and identify the area of the university they represent.

AGENDA: The Agenda was unanimously approved by the Commission.

MINUTES: The Commission had not formally held a meeting since 2001. Thus, there were not minutes to approve.

OLD BUSINESS:
History, Purpose and Organization: Kurt Krause used this opportunity to present a brief history of the Commission, its purpose, and organization. The Transportation and Parking Committee and the Building Committee report to the Commission. The Transportation and Parking Committee has been active this academic year and has held meetings in September, October and November. The Building Committee has not met this semester. Each Committee is required to provide copies of their minutes to our Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:
Selection of the Chair of the Commission on University Support: The members of the Commission selected Jan Helge Bohn Chair, effective immediately. The selection of a Vice Chair was postponed to a future meeting. One representative from the Commission is to be selected annually to serve as liaison with the Transportation and Parking Committee. James Tyger volunteered to be the liaison. The Commission requested clarification if a member of the SGA could serve in that role. It was subsequently discovered that the liaison must be a faculty member. The Commission will select that representative at a future meeting. Sue Ellen Crocker asked if the Commission should select a member to prepare the minutes. Following a brief discussion, Denny Cochrane said he would serve in that role for the time being.

Transportation and Parking Committee: James Tyger is a member of the Committee and gave a brief update on issues they are addressing. One issue in particular was a request they have to change the membership of the Committee. Currently the Committee has two “ex officio member” which are the Director, Transportation and Records Management, and the Landscape Architect (designee of the University Architect). The Committee wishes to retain the Director, Transportation and Records
Management as an “ex officio” member. The Committee has approved a Resolution to (1) remove the Landscape Architect “ex officio” member, (2) replace the Landscape Architect “ex officio” members with the Parking Manager “ex officio” member, and (3) add a Police Department Representative (designee of the Chief, Virginia Tech Police Department) as an “ex officio” member. The Commission held its First Reading of this Resolution, and decided to modify the language by removing a statement concerning previous Landscape Architect attendance. The Second Reading will occur at our next Commission meeting. One approved, the Resolution will require two readings with the University Council.

A considerable amount of open discussion involved the near-term need for more frequent shuttle service between the CRC and the main campus. Kurt Krause felt this was a requirement that needed further study by our Transportation and Parking Committee and Blacksburg Transit.

Additional discussion focused on the need for additional parking to meet the growing demand as we construct new buildings and renovate others. It was agreed that the role of the Commission should be one of policy direction, and the role of the Committee is to study issues and provide recommendations.

**Buildings Committee:**
The Building Committee is in the process of scheduling its first meeting of the Semester.

**FUTURE MEETINGS:** The Commission agreed to have future meetings held on a monthly basis, on the third Thursday of the month, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., in a room that has a speaker telephone. Our next meeting will be on December 15, 2005.

**ADJOURNMENT:**
The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:30 p.m.