COMMISSION ON UNIVERSITY SUPPORT
MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2007
Burruss Hall, Room 325

PRESENT:
Members: Jan Helge Bøhn, Chair; Daniel, Martin (for Sharron Quisenberry); Finn, Mary; Hurst, Scott; McCoy, Heidi (for Jim Hyatt); Mihalik, Brian, Vice-Chair; Narayan, Vik; Riley, Sam; Scott, Bradley; Tillar, Tom; Wilson, Sherwood.

Also present: Chiocca, Vickie (Administrative Assistant); Cochrane, Denny; Woodard, Linda.

Jan Helge Bøhn called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

AGENDA:
The September 20, 2007 Agenda was unanimously approved by the Commission.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:
The Minutes of the May 3, 2007 Meeting were approved by electronic vote on June 1, 2007 per Denny Cochrane.

NEW BUSINESS:
Plans for 2007-2008 and role of the commission. Chair Jan Helge Bøhn noted that at the last Commission meeting in May the members supported Erv Blythe’s recommendation to resurrect the Computing and Communications Resources Committee in Academic Year 2007-2008. The committee has been dormant for the past few years. Chair Jan Helge Bøhn proposed a “vision” for the commission as a venue for Vice Presidents to vet various issues to a representative body of the university and to identify topics of pertinent interest. Jan Helge then asked for thoughts on the role of the commission for this academic year.

Infrastructure changes and how to coordinate work of other committees with the commission (security, computer telecommunications & networking). There was discussion of the role of the commission relating to infrastructure changes. Brian Mihalik proposed looking at efforts of the 4/16 committees that may pertain to the role of the commission. He also suggested looking at ways to reduce costs of CNS Bills since they have become a large portion of operating budget. Discussion followed. Jan Helge Bøhn proposed they invite CNS to future meeting to explain where they are in telecommunications upgrades.

Sherwood Wilson agreed to provide a summary of the BOV recommendations from their future meetings as related to 4/16 to update commission and consider any pending issues that could be vetted before the commission.
OLD BUSINESS:
Smoking policy. Chair Jan Helge Bøhn provided an update of governor's new smoking policy as related to VT’s compliance and reported that Mr. Hyatt’s office had determined that VT is in compliance. He asked if the commission would like to move forward to continue from last year to decide if they want to pursue more smoking restrictions since governor’s policy allows agencies to specify distances of smoking from entrances and windows. Discussion followed and commission agreed to revisit topic this fall.

External boxes for newspaper distribution
Denny Cochrane provided the commission with an update on external newspaper boxes, an ongoing project from last year. In summary, last year they obtained support from University Relations and sought advice of Legal Counsel and the Roanoke Times to standardize newspaper boxes and consolidate to certain locations. Motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to allow the University to move forward with standardized newspaper boxes at certain locations (15 to 20) external to buildings.

CONTINUATION OF NEW BUSINESS:
Interior boxes for newspaper distribution. Jan Helge Bøhn asked for and received consensus to coordinate indoor distribution of newspapers as an agenda topic for the commission.

Committee on Energy and Sustainability. Jan Helge Bøhn reported that the commission approved the establishment of the Committee on Energy and Sustainability with the understanding that the commission would consider what student organizations would be included in the composition of the committee and asked Brian Mihalik to take charge of a task force charged with a revised, re-thought membership composition. Vik Narayan and Heidi McCoy agreed to be part of this task force. Linda Woodard agreed to assist Heidi McCoy with reviewing the committee composition and bylaws.

Sherwood Wilson recommended Denny Cochrane as an ex officio member of this committee and Brian Mihalik recommended Jack Lesko.

FUTURE MEETINGS:
The next meeting is scheduled Thursday, October 18, 2007.

Adjournment. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:05 p.m.