

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON UNIVERSITY SUPPORT
APRIL 10, 2000 - 11 AM
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Members present: Matt Anderson, Harry Biggs, Ladd Brown, Boris Chevone, Molly Brennan Cox, Reba Crawford, Spencer Hall, Joe Hunnings, Mode Johnson (for Ray Smoot), Bruce Obenhaus, Andy Swiger, Tom Tillar and John Burton (guest).

Members not present: Erv Blythe, Ed Fox, Claressa Morton, Charles Steger, Minnis Ridenour

Chair Joe Hunnings called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

The first order of business was the adoption of the April meeting agenda. The agenda was adopted with the added business item of the election of the Commission Chair and Vice Chair.

After correction of one spelling error, the Commission members reviewed and approved the February Commission meeting minutes.

The Commission reviewed and approved the February and March minutes of the Transportation and Parking Committee.

Bruce Obenhaus, Commission representative on the Transportation and Parking Committee, updated the members on several items being addressed by the Committee. One item of note was the decision to place an entrance gate on the Architecture annex parking lot as a test case in the control of campus parking violations. The gate, to be install prior to fall semester, will allow passage by Faculty-Staff Hokie Passport cardholders.

The Commission reviewed and approved the December and January minutes from the Computing and Communications Resources Committee.

There was no old business.

Under new business, the Chair informed the membership that Bruce Obenhaus would be rotating off of the Commission and therefore would not continue as our representative on the Transportation and Parking Committee. Members were invited to serve in that capacity. Mr. Ladd Brown was nominated and elected to serve in this position for the 2000-2001 academic year.

The second item of new business was a discussion of the Commission meeting schedule for the remainder of the academic year. The membership agreed that the April meeting would be the last meeting of the academic year. The Chair noted a meeting could be called if the University Council or any Commission member had items of business that needed attention.

The third item of new business was the election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission on University Support for the 2000-2001 academic year. After some discussion, Joe Hunnings agreed to be nominated to serve a second term as Chair and Molly Brennan Cox agreed to her nomination as Vice-Chair. Ladd Brown made a motion to accept this slate of officers. Andy Swiger seconded the motion and the membership approved their appointment.

The fourth item of new business was a presentation of Dr. John Burton, Chair of the Computing and Communications Resources Committee. John reported that the emphasis of his committee was in two areas. First in the area of policies dealing with computer use and ethics and the second area of future computer trends on campus. Computer ethics issues dealt primarily with hacking and student e-business. Hacking issues are being handled well by the University legal system. E-business issues emerged to the forefront with the use of campus computer systems for scalping of Sugar Bowl tickets. The committee feels that for both issues it is a matter of a lack of knowledge by the students of the acceptable ethics and policies involved. A number of strategies are being considered to educate the student body of these issues. One involves the requirement for students to pass a test

dealing with campus computer policies and computer ethics. A PID would not be assigned until the test was taken and a sufficient score was obtained. A second idea would be to have all students each year read and sign-off on the pertinent policies. The third idea was to use a system of computer "banners" or messages that would regularly communicate to students information pertaining to these issues. All of these ideas have their advantages and disadvantages and they are continuing to be studied. Some combination of all three may be the likely outcome. The second area where the committee has spent significant time is in the area of future computer and communication trends on campus. These include the areas of distance learning, further integration of technology into the classroom and DHCP.

After some questions and discussion the Chair thanked Dr. Burton for his presentation.

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 11:50am.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Hunnings, Chair