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## Memorandum

**Date:** November 19, 2010

**To:** Chief Mitchell, University Police Department  
J. David Allen, Department of Transportation Services

**From:** Linda Mabbs, Chair of the University Senate 

**Cc:** Ann Wylie, Vice President for Administrative Affairs  
Linda Clement, Vice President for Student Affairs

**Subject:** Request to Review Appropriate Motor Scooter Use on Campus (Senate Doc. No. 10-11-17)

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) would like to thank you both for your efforts to increase enforcement of laws related to motor scooter parking and driving violations.

The use of scooters on campus has significantly increased over the past few years. SEC members have raised concerns about the use of scooters on sidewalks (driving and parking), the disregard by many scooter drivers for the laws pertaining to motorized vehicles (i.e. not stopping at stop signs, yielding to pedestrians, illegal passing) and safety concerns for both pedestrians and drivers/riders who choose not to wear helmets. These infractions threaten the safety of our university community.

We appreciate your willingness to consider our concerns and to increase enforcement of parking regulations and laws for motorized vehicles. We have already seen a positive impact from your work. We strongly encourage you to continue your efforts to ensure that motor scooters are used appropriately. In particular, we encourage coordination of enforcement activities in areas where high motor scooter use has been observed. We believe that this effort is leading to a safer environment for drivers and pedestrians alike on our campus.

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