

**Western Washington University Associated Students
Transportation Advisory Committee**

Monday, February 27, 2012

2:00pm

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Present: Sara Richards (AS VP for Student Life, Chair), David Burgesser (AS Alternative Transportation Coordinator), Katie Vainikka, Mohammad Shojaei,

Absent: Iris Maute-Gibson (AS VP for Governmental Affairs, Vice Chair), Patrick Stickney, Daniel Benowitz, Chelsea Reiss (Student-at-Large),

Secretary: Katie Savinski

MOTIONS

T-12-W-02 Approve the minutes of Monday, January 30, 2012 *Passed*

Sara Richards, VP for Student Life, called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. REVISIONS TO AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION T-12-W-02 by Burgesser

Seconded by Shojaei

Approval of the minutes of Monday, January 30, 2012

Vote: 3 - 0 - 1 Action: Passed

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

V. ACTION ITEMS

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Forum on the Master Plan Results

The committee took a few minutes to read over the list of the forum results. Richards said that she has already let the WTA know that students would like more bike racks on the busses. Vainikka read off a list of transportation concerns presented by the student senate. Some of those items included a bus every ten minutes during the day and a bus every 30 minutes at night, fixes to the Birnam Wood trail lights, crosswalks, bicycle corridors, and the fixes to the entrances to the C and R lot parking lots. Richards explained that the Associate Students Board of Directors would like for the Transportation Advisory Committee (ASTAC) to create a priority list of transportation concerns for presentation to the university. Richards wanted to look into the Green Coat vehicles not being wheel chair accessible. Burgesser explained that the student he had talked to about this accessibility issue expressed how detrimental not having a way to get around campus was to his education. Burgesser suggested adding a broad statement such as "investigating accessibility ideas for students with disabilities to navigate the pedestrian areas on campus" to the master plan. Richards said she would write up this addition and send it out to the committee. Burgesser suggested added snowplowing sidewalks to the plan. Richards suggested investigating the safety of red square and Burgesser added without compromising the aesthetics of campus, i.e. avoid paving. Richards addressed the need to have a sidewalk behind the Artzen, Ross Engineering, and Environmental Science building for a more disability accessible campus. Richards wanted to add the enforcement of traffic laws on East College Way as well. She also thought Bike Law Education as well as a Safe Pedestrian program would be beneficial additions. Burgesser suggested doing this type of program in the fall to inform incoming students. Vainikka suggested making

this an addition to the online tutorials that all freshmen must pass to register for winter courses. Richards said she would look into that process. Burgesser wanted to address the consistency of bus drivers turning away students with dysfunctional bus passes. Richards said that the addition of more shuttle stops is already a current topic of discussion. Richards asked for the committee to bring back a list of these ideas in order of priority for the next committee meeting. She will have the updated Master Plan ready at the next meeting as well.

B. ATF Language 2012

Richards explained that the Alternative Transportation Fee language will be going to the Board of Directors as an information item on Friday. She asked the committee to look over the language. Burgesser said that he felt that the specific street names that the late night shuttle would provide to did not need to be included in the language. He suggested the wording of “offering campus connections to downtown and the park and ride in both directions.” Burgesser mentioned that though the fee is not changing and the percentage increase gap is not changing, the 5% cost increase will most likely be implemented in the next few years as the WTA’s prices will be increasing.

VII. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 2:49P.M.