

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

Friday, November 4, 2011

2:00pm

VU567

Present: Sara Richards (AS VP for Student Life, Chair), Iris Maute-Gibson (AS VP for Governmental Affairs, Vice Chair), David Burgesser (AS Alternative Transportation Coordinator), Katie Vainikka, Chelsea Reiss (Student-at-Large)

Absent: Skylar Hinkley, Daniel Benowitz, Patrick Stickney

Secretary: Katie Savinski

MOTIONS

T-II-F-01 Approve the minutes of Friday, October 14, 2011 *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

Will not be going over university plan

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION T-II-F-01 by Burgesser

Seconded by Vainikka

Approval of the minutes of Monday, October 31, 2011

Vote: 4 - 0 - 1 Action: Passed

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Master Plan

Richards asked the committee to briefly read over the Master Plan. Burgesser shared several items that could be changed in the documents. Completed projects such as the traffic signal at Bilf McDonafd and 25th Street should be removed from the document. He also would like to add a section on installing lighting between Buchanan Towers and Fairhaven, as well as a section on reserving parking spaces for potential implementation of a car share program. He made many other minor changes. Katie Vainikka suggested a movement on reducing pavement for sidewalks. Maute-Gibson said that the committee should keep in mind ADA regulations when making suggestions for improvements. Richards suggested inviting someone to the committee meeting to discuss ADA accessibility regulations. Richards wanted to see improved education on the bicycle riding zones on campus and information on the East College Way path. Maute-Gibson said that the parking lot behind Old Main is really rough on bicyclist. Burgesser suggested adding increased bicycle signage to shared paths and directions to East College Way route. Maute-Gibson noticed that there are no suggestions in the document that push to adopt new bike pathway regulations. Burgesser addressed bicycle covering areas and installing more of them in closer proximity to buildings. Richards addressed installing new bicycle storage areas between the Communications Facility and the Academic Instructional Center. Maute-Gibson suggested discussing public transportation movements. She hopes they can work closely with WTA to change policy as needed. She sees the Master Plan as a way to address the relationship between Western Washington University and WTA. Burgesser added that the Master Plan should include addressing improvements to be made to the Ridgeway transit shelter, and lighting in the Ridgeway area in general. Vainikka expressed concern for commuting students. Maute-Gibson added that she noticed that there is a lack of information provided on the options for student commuters. Vainikka added that there is little

desirability of using Lincoln Creek because of the poor terrain. Maute-Gibson was asked how the increase on handicapped parking on campus was going. Burgesser would like to see the continuation of restrictions on vehicle traffic on High Street. MG asked about safety issue of lighting on High Street and Oak and what could be done for those areas. Burgesser addressed the lighting concerns near the convenience store on Douglas, the location of a robbery last year. Burgesser also pointed out the need for bike lanes in the Happy Valley neighborhood as well as parts of north campus. Maute-Gibson asked what the goal for presenting this new Master Plan to the student body is. The committee hopes to see their concerns go to the board. Burgesser suggested hosting a public forum after the changes are made and before the document goes to the board.

B. Long Term Goals for ASTAC

Richards reported that she wants to use the Master Plan to develop ASTAC's long term goals. She wants the committee to choose a few focus points for this year.

C. Western in Comparison

Richards reported that she is trying to get in contact with other universities and seeing what strategies they have taken in regards to transportation on and around campus.

D. WTA Updates

Maute-Gibson reported that at the end of September, negotiations were opened with WTA. They discussed the mission of the alternative transportation fee. They used this as an opportunity to set up the values for future negotiations between WWU and WTA. She said that the first negotiating meeting will be on November 10th. She hopes to take an offensive role in the negotiating process. Her priorities in negotiation are for maintaining a lump fee instead of moving towards a per student fee, maintain consistency, and increase or maintain a five-year contract with WTA. She said that the goal is to have a negotiated contract by January 7, 2012. The Alternative Transportation Fee committee will put language together which will then be voted on by the committee, by the board, and presumably will then be opened as a ballot resolution for students to vote on later this year.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE: November 18, 2011 from 2:00-3:00pm in VU 460

VIII. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 3:06 P.M.