

Western Washington University Associated Students

Transportation Advisory Committee

Friday, May 17, 2013

VU 567

Present: Katie Savinski (Chair, VP for Student Life), Patrick Stickney (Vice Chair, VP for Governmental Affairs), Robby Eckroth (Alternative Transportation Coordinator), Sadie Normoyle, and Anastasia George. *Absent:* Ellen Cole and Brian Lee

Secretary: Kaylee Galloway

Katie Savinski, Chair of Transportation Advisory Committee, called the meeting to order at 12:05pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Revising the Master Plan

Eckroth said that he noticed under section 1 #2 that the flashing light by Buchanan Towers may have been installed. Savinski thought it was. Eckroth also noted section 1 #8 and that it should include automobiles because bicyclists are also concerned with automobile safety not just pedestrian safety. Savinski said that it was geared more towards pedestrians and bikers trying to pass. Normoyle wondered if these would actually be workshops taught. George wondered if the trainings could be added to Summerstart. Savinski said the workshops could be general safety classes. Eckroth said the Alternative Transportation Coordinator could teach the workshops. He also mentioned section 2 #3 about bike rails. He said one was installed behind Carver Gym and the bicyclists are not that happy with it. He also referenced section 6 #2 about creating bike lanes which has already been done. George referenced section 3 #1 and that there was talk of building something but wasn't sure it followed code. She said that it might interfere with what is being planned. Stickney wondered who should be protected from the rain, people going to the dining hall or people waiting for the bus. He said that if they are trying to change the lines, then it would create more interference and create more traffic. Eckroth said that sometimes the line to going into the dining hall is going down towards Nash. Savinski and George have both noticed that. Normoyle said that it doesn't need to be moved, just know what the plan is. Eckroth said it should be added as a collaboration with dining services. Normoyle said there could be a sign saying what direction the line should form. Savinski noted the language of a kiss and drop stop. Eckroth said that is transportation language though he is not sure he likes it. Stickney noted section 8 number 2a about accessibility for persons with disability. Eckroth wondered if they can provide paratransportation on the 70x bus. Savinski was not sure. Eckroth will check up on it. He also noted that there has been an issue with the shuttle and the green coat vehicles. Savinski hoped that will be fixed when more are purchased. Eckroth said hopefully next year. Savinski said that she would go through the document with track changes. Eckroth mentioned students with disabilities in inclement weather but that is already mentioned. Stickney noted that administration might push back against more commuter spots because there is talk of building a parking garage. He said that the Board of Trustees was talking about that. Eckroth said that there has been talk of not having the money to build the garage. He said that Western is promoting more walking and that adding the parking garage would not be encouraging that. Stickney said that someone mentioned building an activities center on top of a parking garage. Savinski said that was Jim Schuster and there was talk of expanding the VU. She said that building the parking garage would be encouraging more people to drive. Stickney said that they could pave the C lots by issuing a bond. He said that it is not a loophole rather another financial option. Savinski said that if anything else comes up, more can be added to this document later. She said that last year there was a priority agenda made, but she has not been able to find it yet. She said that she will keep looking for it. She said that she will look through the document again ensuring that it is accessible for students, administration and the community. She said that there is no need to meet next week. She said that the committee can reconvene after the meeting with her, Stickney, Eckroth, and Galloway with Steve Swan.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24pm

Approved by Katie Savinski, AS VP for Student Life