



# ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION FEE COMMITTEE

Tuesday January 24, 2017, 8:00 AM YU460

**Members:** *Present: Wayne Rocque (AS VP for Student Life), Bryce Hammer (AS VP for Governmental Affairs), Carol Berry (Transportation Program Manager), Henry Haro (AS Student Representative), Greg McBride (Assistant Director for VU Facilities), Jacob Keith (Student at Large) and Isaac Bartick (AS Alternative Transportation Coordinator).*  
*Absent: Kay McMurrin (Program Support advisor)*

**Advisor:**

**Secretary:** *Cora Cole (AS Board Assistant for Representation Committees)*

**Guests:** Donnell Tanksley (Tank) was the representative from campus security in place of Darin Rasmussen.

*Wayne Rocque called the meeting to order at 8:07 AM*

## **I. Approval of the minutes**

*MOTION: ATF-16-W-1 by Rocque*

Approval of the minutes from November 29<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Second: Hammer Vote: 7-0-0 Action: Passed

## **II. Discussion Items**

**A - Discussion of WTA Service Changes:** WTA is not changing the services, just naming the routes. The change will be implemented on march 19<sup>th</sup>, the day after commencement, and will be publicized by a video program when students get back from the spring break so that students are updated on the changes. The information will come to the committee as well at some point. Isaac asked if the video could be played on the video screens around campus, and Greg said it could but the screens don't play sound so that could be a factor in the decision.

## **III. Action Items**

- a. **Referendum Language Updates:** Wayne asked if anyone had opinions on the language. Isaac asked to describe the "bus service" as "shuttle service" just to be more clear about the purpose. Bryce requested that we specify that the "AS Board" referred to the "AS Board of Directors". Carol said she would like to cut the word "initial" because it is no longer relevant and Greg asked to have dates on the

referendum, “the fee will be subject for student vote for renewal in Spring 2022 in five years’ time”, Carol suggested, “the term of this fee shall last 5 years from fall 2017, subject for renewal in 2022” and the committee discussed how the fee language limits the school’s options. The committee suggested making the referendum’s format into bullet points to make it easier to read, and Bryce made it up to see how it would look. Carol said that we might need to make a change in the amount that we change WTA for summer fees and they should leave it as “a reduced fee” rather than setting an amount. Bryce added that the “increases of more than 5% must be approved by the students through a vote. The fifth bullet point was edited at length by Carol and Bryce until it read, “The fee will be for a maximum 5-year term, beginning in Fall 2017 and end by Fall 2022, subject to a student vote for renewal.” The phrasing of the minimum service was changed to a “late night student transportation service that would run after WTA ends. At a minimum this would service the general campus area”. There was another bullet point added to make sure that there are staff, assistance, and program operations to coordinate alternative transportation for students (making sure Isaac gets paid). Carol added that this would cover the student temps at the beginning of fall quarter. The referendum as it stands, creates a pool of money to fund a bus pass, late night transportation, staffing, and leftover flexible use. Isaac said that the reserves discretion capability is appropriate and helpful for the future of his position. Bryce said that the referendum outlines the conditions of the fee and having other issues outlined in the fee language might be confusing/misleading. Isaac said that they would like to see the conditions for changing the language seriously outlined, in case the way we provide late night transit changes. There was then some discussion on what level of change required a student vote and what level was acceptable for the AS Board of Directors to handle. The end conclusion was that if the bullet points for what the fee required the school to provide changed then the vote should go to students and if it changed the administration details of how the requirements were met then the Board could handle it, with our help. Carol said that we should outline the specific other types of transportation that we will deal with. Bryce added the word minimum to describe the conditions of the Fee. Carol and Wayne discussed the method for changing the way that changes happen. Greg suggested that amendments that we could work with the SAF to fund projects that go beyond the outlined reach of the Fee. Bryce added that this is our committee’s recommendation to the Board but they are the ones who vote.

***MOTION: ATF-16- W-2 By Hammer***

Motion to approve the Fee Language with the proposed amendments.

Second: Rocque Vote: 6-0-0 Action: Passes

**IV. Updates:**

- a. **Carol:** WTA negotiations are going on and she legally can't talk about them, but they are making good progress.

***Wayne Rocque adjourned the meeting at 8:57 AM.***