



Western Washington University Associated Students Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2023, 4:00 PM

The Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATA) is currently without an SGA, so Seb Genge has offered to take the meeting minutes for the committee on 2/1/2023.

Quorum is reached, with 5 members present at the meeting: James Detke, Seb Genge, Sophie Snyder, Bob Putich, and Shelby Zimmerman.

Detke calls the meeting to order at 4:08pm. There are no revisions to the agenda.

Detke asks what we can do about having no SGA, asking Genge and Snyder whether they have experienced this in other committees. Neither have, but Genge says he can reach out to Josh to find out what to do about this.

Detke checks in regarding the plans to update the committee's Charge and Charter to include the details discussed in the previous meeting. Snyder says she can update the document.

Detke asks if we could vote outside of the meeting time. Genge thinks that this would be described in the committee's Rules of Operation but doesn't believe there's any language defining this. Putich points out that in a time sensitive situation, such an avenue for voting might be an option, as there's also nothing explicitly prohibiting this to his knowledge. This conversation relates to an upcoming plan to vote on a \$3 ATF fee for students taking less than 6 credits. This will be voted on in the next meeting on 2/15. Genge asks for further clarification on this proposed fee, which Putich elaborates is the same fee that was proposed throughout the pandemic (but never went through) to cover administrative costs relating to the granting of WTA bus passes for students taking less than 6 credits per quarter, whereby these students are currently able to access all the other ATF funded services but need to go through an additional step to have access to a WTA bus pass and pay \$30/month for it. Zimmerman points out that such a fee will remove this barrier and lower the cost of accessing public transit for this student group, which Putich adds will be a great way to engage with these students who might feel excluded from public transit access.

Detke initiates a conversation around increasing the number of bike lockers around campus due to high demand. The proposed location for them is between Carver hall and the SMATE building. Putich clarifies that the revenue from bike lockers would go back into the Active Transportation Fund. Snyder and Genge agree that this is a good

idea, with Snyder pointing out that this would help address bike theft concerns on campus. Putich makes a motion to select a general price range and design before the next meeting. Detke seconds. Motion passes 5-0-0. Zimmerman and Detke will discuss details separately.

Detke moves discussion onto SEJF bike counter project to install bike counters on main corridors of campus where bicycles travel through. Genge states his interest and clarifies that any conflict of interest being Co-Chair of the SEJF committee can be resolved by abstaining to vote when the project comes to SEJF for final approval. Detke and Genge will discuss this project separately.

Detke adjourns the meeting at 4:36pm.