



Bill 0910-027R
Sponsored by: Chairman McCarthy
Subject: Student Transportation Opportunities

Date: September 16, 2009
Committee Vote: N/A
Senate Vote: U/C

Be it hereby proposed that the following be enacted:

Whereas, The Student Association of the University at Albany strives to ever improve the quality of life for students at the University and;

Whereas, countless University at Albany students rely on transportation uptown and downtown via busses provided by the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) and;

Whereas, this mode of travel is widely available, and as such is essential to students' ability to travel in the region and;

Whereas, students are provided "free" use of certain bus lines via an agreement between CDTA and the University at Albany and;

Whereas, students are often downtown past the hours of 1 AM on Saturday and Sunday, and busses currently cease operations from downtown after 1:17 AM and;

Whereas, the Student Association seeks to reduce the occurrence of situations in which students may be put in circumstances that may tend to encourage driving while under the influence of alcohol or other illegal activity and;

Whereas, the Student Association seeks the availability of safe and efficient modes of travel for students regardless of the time of day and;

Whereas, currently there is no direct connection via bus linking the uptown and downtown campuses to the Amtrak station in Rensselaer and;

Whereas, many students rely on the aforementioned travel hub to journey between home and the University during vacations, etc. and;

Whereas, currently, many students are required to rely on taxi services to reach the station, which cause students to incur costs of \$16 from the University to the Amtrak station and vice versa and;

Whereas, a ticket from Penn Station, NY to the Albany-Renssaler station can cost between \$30 and \$60 per ticket, barely surpassing the cost of a short taxi ride.

Therefore be it resolved, that the Student Association Senate supports extending the hours of the number 11 bus line on Saturday and Sunday mornings by the CDTA and;

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Be it further resolved, the Student Association Senate supports the extension of the number 11 bus line on a limited service basis during weekends to the Albany-Rensselaer Amtrak station and;

Be it further resolved, that The Student Association Senate is willing to support this initiative financially, to the extent that the Appropriations Committee deems appropriate, should an agreement arise between the University and/or the Student Association and/or the CDTA and;

Be it further resolved, that the Student Association encourages the Student Association's Legislative Affairs staff to negotiate an agreement with the CDTA and/or all relevant parties and;

Be it further resolved, that the Student Association Senate welcomes a proposal by the Legislative Affairs staff, to be analyzed by the Appropriations Committee and any other relevant authorities.

Be it finally resolved, that this resolution be sent to the Legislative Affairs staff, as well as the President and Vice President of the Student Association.