Transportation and Parking Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

Date: December 14, 2016
Time: 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM
Location: SAC, Room 304
In Attendance: Connell Friel, Director, Transportation and Parking
James Ambroise, Manager, Parking and Automotive Garage
Carolyn Osiiecki, COM Business Manager
Kayley Murphy, Commuter Student Association Rep. for University Student Government
Austin Sposato, GSO Senator Representative

A comprehensive discussion transpired regarding the proposed fiscal year 17/18 Broad Based Fee, and the Transportation Fee which comprises a small part of the Broad Based Fee. We discussed the process by which these fees are calculated and determined. Connell discussed the budget climate and the overall fee process. In particular we discussed next year’s FY17/18 Transportation Fee budget.

As part of this discussion we once again reviewed the two below listed spreadsheets.
1. Stony Brook University Transit Spending Plan Multi-Year Summary
2. Bus, Shuttlebus, and Van Equipment Inventory

We also discussed that the early calculations for Stony Brook’s Broad Based Fee indicate that the SUNY 5-Year weighted average (HEPI) increase will be between 1.5% and 2.0%. However, since Stony Brook’s needs are much greater than this increase will allow, the initial request Stony Brook will be making to Albany will be approximately 4.0%.

Since the Transportation Fee has been held relatively low for the past five years or so (anywhere from 1% to 4%) for FY 17/18 we intend to request a 10.6% increase. It was determined that the Transportation Fee merits this type of increase for two main reasons. First, transportation is in critical need of funding due to the deficit condition of the student IFR account, and secondly, Transportation is a critically needed student service.

Over the course of the next several weeks we will be developing a narrative to justification this increase which includes:
1. Current commitments and proposed future activities to be supported by increased revenue.
2. Documentation of strong student consultation
3. Description of impact (if any) on student access caused by the proposed fee or fee increase.
4. Additional documentation to support and justify new fees and extraordinary increases.

Date of Next Meeting: February 15, 2017
Time of Next Meeting: 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM
Location of Next Meeting: SAC, Room 304