Transportation and Parking Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

Date: May 10, 2017
Time: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Location: SAC, Room 303
In Attendance: Connell Friel, Interim Director, Transportation and Parking
Neil Werner, New Director, Transportation and Parking
George Volz, Manager, Transit Operations and Parking Enforcement
Carolyn Osiecki, COM Business Manager
Liz Dorsa, Commuter Student Services Representative

We discussed the Broad Based Fee Graduate and Undergraduate presentations which took place on March 28th and March 29th respectively. Neil Werner was in attendance at the Graduate presentation and relayed to the group that the presentation went very well and that there were very little objections or complaints registered to the Transportation Fee proposal.

We then discussed SUNY Albany’s Transportation Questions for Stony Brook, after Broad Based Fee Proposal was submitted. We also discussed our answer to that question. Both the question and answer are reprinted below.

SUNY Question - For the transportation fee, can you approximate how much of the incremental revenue generated by the increase will be used to support/close the existing negative cash balance versus investment in equipment upgrades and expansion of existing services?

Our Answer - The incremental revenue generated by the fee increase will be used to support much more than simply investment in equipment upgrades and expansion of existing services. It is also needed to continue to fund increasing PSR expenses, increasing fringe rates, and increasing OTPS expenses. In other words, normal operational funding needs to be supported by the fee increase, as well as, some investment in equipment upgrades. Regarding the expansion of existing services part of the question, in the current budget climate, there are no plans right now to expand existing services. As far as how much of the revenue generated will be used to close the existing negative cash balance, we would estimate very little. This particular 5.6% increase does not change the negative cash position very much at all. We estimate there will only about a $20,000.00 reduction to the deficit from this fee increase.

Finally, as a year-end review, we discussed all the services provided to Stony Brook by the Transportation Fee. A summary of these services are reprinted below:

What does the Transportation fee pay for?

- The salaries of the 59 full and part time drivers, 4 bus mechanics/staff and 4 office support staff
- The fuel and repairs for the bus fleet and operational support fleet
- SBU Smart Transit – passenger information system that provides live vehicle location, bus stop information as well as estimated arrival times
- Maintenance and upkeep of the SBU Transit Facility
- Maintenance and upkeep for all SBU Transit Bus Shelters
- Maintenance and upkeep for the SBU Transit Wolf Ride Bike Share (Station connectivity as well)
• Purchase of new transit and operational support vehicles
• Road, Parking, and Transit –related Signage
• Southampton shuttle service, BNL shuttle support service (Northfork Vendor services) (Partial splits with Provost)
• Weekend shopping service routes (Suffolk Transit Vendor Services)
• Commuter parking lot maintenance (South P Lot, Gym road commuter lot and North P commuter lot) which includes Lighting, asphalt, and curbing repairs and restriping as necessary.

Date of Next Meeting: September 2017 (exact date TBD)
Time of Next Meeting: TBD
Location of Next Meeting: TBD