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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF ADDING ANOTHER TRIPPER BUS
TO ROUTE NINE

1 WHEREAS, currently the Eau Claire Public Transportation
2 Department and the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
3 collaborate to provide busing service to all students, faculty,
4 and staff; and

5 WHEREAS, the busing service is funded through the
6 segregated fees; and

7 WHEREAS, currently each student pays \$20.50 a year for this
8 service; and

9 WHEREAS, the current transit contract between the
10 University and the City states that, "additional trippers may be
11 added if both the City and University mutually agree based upon
12 ridership need. The City shall invoice for additional trippers
13 at the prevailing Tripper Hourly Rate;" and

14 WHEREAS, the current transit contract states that "the
15 contract may be amended with immediate effect by mutual
16 agreement between the University and the City unless such
17 amendment results in a financial adjustment in excess of 19% of

18 the agreed upon contractual amount for the current or succeeding
19 year, in which case a 30-day notice shall be provided the
20 University by the City before such financial adjustment becomes
21 effective;" and

22 WHEREAS, currently the most used bus route by the
23 University students, faculty and staff is Route Nine (9; and

24 WHEREAS, currently during times of high traffic, busses
25 typically get filled past capacity; and

26 WHEREAS, when a bus is filled past capacity it represents a
27 hazard to the students involved; and

28 WHEREAS, students are getting turned away from both the
29 Stein Boulevard and the Water Street Routes during times of high
30 use due to overcrowding; usually brought upon by severe weather
31 conditions; and

32 WHEREAS, when students are turned away from the bus during
33 times of high traffic or severe weather, it is an unnecessary
34 inconvenience, as well as potentially hazardous to their health;
35 and

36 WHEREAS, being turned away from the bus potentially causes
37 students to be tardy to class, late to work, as well as
38 potentially causing a burden on their personal schedules; and

39 WHEREAS, currently the tripper bus spends the majority of
40 the time on the Stein Boulevard Route; and

41 WHEREAS, the majority of off-campus students live and would
42 benefit from the use of the Water Street Route; and

43 WHEREAS, Route Nine (9) is currently most used during the
44 time frame from late January to mid-March; and

45 WHEREAS, the addition of another tripper bus would come at
46 an estimate cost of \$12,112; and

47 WHEREAS, this estimated cost would raise non-allocated
48 segregated fees by one dollar per year per student;

49 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that from the beginning of the
50 Spring Semester until Spring Break, the students of the
51 University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire support the addition of
52 another tripper bus on Route Nine (9); and

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this additional tripper bus and
54 the current tripper bus will continue to rotate in between the
55 Stein Boulevard and the Water Street Routes; and

56 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage President Raymond
57 French transmit copies of this resolution to Dr. Brian Levin-
58 Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Steven Tallant, Provost/Vice
59 Chancellor; Andrew Soll, Vice Chancellor, Business & Student
60 Services; Kimberly O'Kelly, Parking Office; David Gessner,
61 Director, Business Services; Gwen Van Den Heuvel, City of Eau
62 Claire Transit Manager; Eau Claire Transit Commission; Brandon
63 Buchanan, City Council Member; Dr. Marty Wood, Chair, University
64 Senate; Ann Lapp, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor, Student

65 Development & Diversity; and Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Associate Dean
66 of Student Development, Student Development & Diversity.

Submitted by:
Katya Voelker, Student Services Commission Director
and Off-Campus Senator
Tim Lauer, Treasurer and On-Campus Senator
March 10, 2008

Bus Ridership for Route 9

Month	Route 9-1	Route 9-2	Tripper bus	Total	Misc.
Jan. 2007	678.1	778.8	464.8	1,921.7	Does not count winter break
Feb. 2007	734.8	864.6	557.9	2,157.3	
Mar. 2007	514.8	724.5	475.9	1,715.2	
Apr. 2007	550.9	618.3	228.4	1,397.6	
May 2007	440.7	512.5	37	990.2	
Year 07-08					
Sept. 2007	401.2	483.2	0	884.4	No tripper
Oct. 2007	490.3	599.8	66.6	1,156.7	Tripper only runs at 7:33 and 8:33 am
Nov. 2007	513.1	625.3	387.7	1,526.1	
Dec. 2007	606.4	673.5	460	1,739.9	Does not count winter break
Jan. 2008	812.2	1,022.8	657.3	2,492.3	Does not count winter break
Feb. 2008	669.1	985.4	582.4	2,209.9	