

The Graduate Student Assembly
The University of Texas at Austin

Resolution: G.R. 13 (F) 4

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In Support of Continuing All UT Shuttle Bus Routes

Summary: A resolution requesting the University of Texas at Austin and Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority work together to continue running all current student shuttle bus routes.

Whereas (1): The CR Cameron Road and WL Wickersham Lane shuttles serve many UT students, undergradaute and graduate; and

Whereas (2): The Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Capital Metro) Board of Directors voted to eliminate the CR and WL routes on September 23; and

Whereas (3): The areas served by the CR and WL routes are not easily transferred to other routes, resulting in doubling to tripling of transit times, and in some cases, long walks through property-crime prone areas; and

Whereas (4): Public feedback on the proposed elimination of the CR and WL routes has been very negative, with many posts per day in support of the shuttle bus routes on the Capital Metro social media pages; and

Whereas (5): Capital Metro solicited feedback from riders for an unusually short time, with no public meetings on the UT campus; and

Whereas (6): Assuring that students can safely transit to and from the UT campus is vital for the university to fullfill its mission as a center of learning.

Therefore
Let it be

Resolved (1): That we request the University of Texas Student Services Budget Committee, UT Parking and Transportation, and Capital Metro consider allocating funds to the continuation of these canceled routes.

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Resolved (2): That we request the University of Texas Student Services Budget Committee, UT Parking and Transportation, and Capital Metro commit to ensuring that all UT students affected by the closures are not disrupted, through introduction of alternate routes.

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Resolved (3): That we request Capital Metro allows longer periods of soliciting feedback from UT students, staff, and faculty before considering elimination of UT Shuttle Bus routes. This would include holding public forums on campus.

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Resolved (4): That official copies of this resolution be delivered to Judith H. Langlois, the Interim Dean of the Graduate School; the members of the Student Services Budget Committee; Bobby Stone, the Director of Parking and Transportation; Soncia Reagins-Lilly, the Dean of Students; Dr. Gage E. Paine, the Vice President for Student Affairs; Gina Estrada, the Capital Metro Board Liason; and the University of Texas President's Office; Dr Patricia L Clubb, Vice President for University Operations.