

Council Resolution 6: Mesa Shuttle Ridership Enforcement



WHEREAS the Mesa Shuttle is a transportation service provided by University of California - San Diego (UC-San Diego) Transportation Services (TS) that connects general campus to the Mesa and One Miramar Street (OMS) housing complexes, and is funded from a percentage of the rent fees assessed to residents of UC- San Diego Associated Resident Community Housing (ARCH);

WHEREAS TS has proposed restricting ridership on the Mesa shuttle to current residents of Mesa/OMS and their guests, which raised concerns and contentions within the graduate and professional student population;

WHEREAS TS has already begun distributing shuttle stickers to residents of Mesa/OMS housing with the future plans of enforcing ridership restrictions;

WHEREAS Todd Bervin, UC-San Diego Associate Director of Auxiliary Business Services, appeared before the Graduate Student Association (GSA) general council on Feb. 10th, 2014, to communicate these proposed ridership restrictions and to collect feedback from the council;

WHEREAS a compromise between accessibility to open graduate housing communities and transportation to those communities is needed;

BE IT RESOLVED that the GSA recognizes the need for clear communication between GSA, TS, ARCH, and the graduate and professional student population;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if TS decides it is necessary to enforce ridership restrictions on the Mesa shuttles, that it coordinate with ARCH and GSA to notify graduate students and residents of the commencement and structure of the enforcement prior to it being enacted;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if it is necessary to enforce ridership restrictions on the Mesa shuttles, that the GSA recommends that enforcement be only carried out between 7:30AM and 12:00PM Monday through Friday, and only on those shuttle travelling from the Mesa/OMS stops towards campus;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to promote accessibility the GSA also recommends that TS develop a comprehensive and coherent guest ridership policy for residents and affiliates with the consultation of the GSA before enforcement of ridership restrictions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GSA does not currently support any Mesa shuttle ridership restriction enforcement beyond these recommendations and that these recommendations should be reviewed by the GSA Council once an appropriate guest ridership policy is developed or after the passage of a student transportation fee referendum (whichever comes first);

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution and its recommendations be distributed to the relevant parties at TS, ARCH, and the residents living within ARCH communities.

Voted & Passed in GSA Council Meeting 9: 02/24/2014 (Y/N/A - 25/0/1)
Certified: Rahul S. Kapadia, 03/04/2014