

RESOLUTION

CONCERNING DECISIONS AFFECTING CAMPUS TRANSIT PROVISION

Adopted, April 12, 2013

Whereas, the Florida Gulf Coast University mission, which declares that it, "practices and promotes environmental sustainability" and "nurtures community partnerships," was adopted by the Board of Trustees on January 19, 2010 and was developed through a collaborative process involving major stakeholders on campus, including faculty, staff, and students; and

Whereas, the FGCU Campus Master Plan Goal 1103, Objective 1103.1, Policy 1103.1.1 outlines the university's commitment to, "reducing dependence on the single-occupant vehicle," "promote public transit service of regional counties to serve the needs of the University and surrounding areas," "provide public transit service to the campus from major activity centers and system transfer points, and coordinate with Lee County Transit and other regional transportation organizations to continue and enhance present transit service to the campus," and articulates other policies for the University to assist Lee Tran with scheduling of bus service, accommodate additional bus stops and shelters, work with the transit system to establish favorable rate structures to increase transit use, and "continue the parking fee program for on-campus parking that encourages the use of public transit service and other non-automobile transportation," and was adopted by the Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees on April 17, 2012 and was developed through an extensive shared and collaborative process including multiple campus and community stakeholders; and

Whereas, FGCU was a signatory to the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) in April 2007 and committed itself in 2010 to "develop incentives for employees to adopt commuting methods that reduce their number of one-person-one-vehicle trips to and from campus," "implement programs to increase the affordability and access to the University for lower-income and other underserved populations," explore "opportunities to collaborate with other community organizations to promote and implement sustainable operations," and "explore possible options for considering sustainability in University investments," and these commitments were developed through an extensive shared and collaborative process; and

Whereas, the Environment and Sustainability Committee of the Planning and Budget Council at FGCU is developing a Land Use Forum report in a collaborative and shared process among campus stakeholders that emphasizes the importance of modeling best practices with respect to sustainability in resource allocation; and

Whereas, FGCU reaffirmed its commitment to shared governance in the identification of priorities and the development of policies with the "participation of faculty, staff, students, administrators, the president, and the board of trustees (hereafter referred to as stakeholders) in mutual, respectful, transparent decision- and policy-making processes" on October 18, 2012; and

Whereas, FGCU recently lost concurrency funding from the Legislative Appropriations Process to support public transit, eliminating the university's financial contribution to the support of Lee Tran Route 60 without consultation of all stakeholders , therefore;

Be it Resolved, the Faculty Senate emphatically requests that the FGCU administration engage the entire University community in identification of potential alternative funding sources and innovative partnerships (including outreach to neighboring developments) prior to making any final decision on this issue.