

**In Attendance:**

John Wojciechowski, David Kanoy, Pat Hogan, Alvin Coleman, Gena McKinley, Stephanie Sosinski, Rebecca Majors, Meghan Matheny, Waleed Jarrad & Abby Perry

**Topics of Discussion:****Ongoing Business:**

**January Meeting Minutes:** January meeting minutes were approved by the committee.

**Website:** Please continue to contact Jacob with content to add to the site.

**Current Status of Transportation at CFCC:**

Megan Matheny, Director of Planning & Development at WAVE Transit, joined the meeting to clarify questions the committee had concerning the current bus service at CFCC, the state of ridership among CFCC students, faculty, and staff and to help the committee determine if changes can be made to increase bus ridership to CFCC campuses.

Discussion about bus transportation began with a comparison between the difference in funding sources at UNCW where students ride for free and CFCC where students, faculty, and staff ride for a reduced fee of \$1.00 per ride. At UNCW, restrictions on cars within a mile radius of campus are enforced. This encourages students to seek alternative means of transportation. The college subsidizes student ridership on Wave transit through student fees. Because CFCC is a community college, student fees are restricted by state law. Sourcing funds for free bus transportation on Wave through student fees is not a possibility.

Currently Wave transit operates Route 207 between the North Campus and downtown on an hourly basis. The route is mainly funded by New Hanover County. In the recent past, the county took action to remove the route citing budgetary shortfalls. The route is the only means of transportation for many county residents between the North Campus area and downtown. Through a large push from CFCC the county was forced to reinstate funding for the route at its current level.

Route 207 stops in front of the E Building on Front Street as well as at the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> & Red Cross Streets. With the closing of the E building, the downtown campus will end at Brunswick Street making the E building bus stop unnecessary for the campus. Moving the bus stop to the new Humanities & Fine Arts building was discussed, but the upcoming closing of the 3<sup>rd</sup> / Hanover Streets Bridge and a City of Wilmington policy restricting bus stops on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street make the location less accessible.

**CFCC Central Transportation Hub:**

The proposal of a highly visible bus transportation hub to be located at the LRC building between 2<sup>nd</sup> and Front Streets was discussed. The hub would consist of a bus stop midblock on Front Street with

amenities in Tabitha's Courtyard. By incorporating amenities, the college will be providing an environment more conducive to bus use to and from campus. The space would involve a cover, benches, and a solar powered charging stations as well as outdoor LCD display for web content such as real time information tracking bus routes/times/delays.

Route 207 runs north/ south on Front and Route 101 picks up at the 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Red Cross Street. Both would be rerouted and a stop would be added to the Wave free trolley.

The sidewalk area of the proposed hub is currently undesignated space, removing the problems involved with making changes to an existing place. The space is owned by CFCC and therefore not held to City and State regulations concerning bus shelters and permits the college to erect a bus stop of its own design.

If a DOT approved shelter design is utilized rather than an internal design by CFCC, Wave would be able to apply for grant funding to assist with the cost. Because of funding at the state level, Wave is restricted in its ability to financially assist in the cost of such the overall project. The City of Wilmington could assist in sidewalk upgrades. The committee would need to seek funds through grants or existing bonds. The design component would be a student service project and the committee would seek assistance from structural engineers willing to dedicate volunteer hours to CFCC.

North Campus has a natural transportation hub under the breezeway of the Mc Keithan building but it was noted that proper location designation with signage was necessary. David Kanoy will work with Matheny to make proper adjustments to the space.

To educate CFCC students, faculty, and staff of bus options to and from campus, a CFCC/ Wave transit informational brochure with route maps/ costs/ frequency was proposed. CFCC would design and print information provided by Wave. It was also noted that CFCC website and Facebook Page should link to Wave transit route information and pocket maps be distributed in offices around campus. Wave Transit's Education and Outreach program will set up a table at Spring Fling downtown April 29, 2015.

Matheny requested a formal letter asking for the move of the potential bus s to LRC location as well as proposed project information. Before this can be done, an internal plan must be in place. The committee will work on an 8 month time frame. A recommendation will be made to the College Council asking the school for funding of the project. It was also suggested that Val Clemens could be approached to assist with seeking out grant funding.

**Transportation Survey:** The committee shared the Transportation Survey developed by Eco Team with Matheny. It was suggested that the survey could be used to gain information as well as educate the reader. Questions should be framed "Did you know..." to develop knowledge base. Once the survey is finalized, Sosinski will pass it to Public Relations for distribution. Information gathered from the survey combined with Wave Transportation Student Ridership data will help determine feasibility of Transportation Hub project.

**Recycling Initiative:** John Woj. introduced a grant possibility from Coca Cola Foundation. The grant allows funding for bins but requires inclusion in the “College and University Recycling Coalition”. This will need to be investigated. Another proponent of the grant is calculating annual weight of recycling. David Kanoy stated this could easily be done through sample weight measurements done by a student volunteer.

Alice Hawkins Assistant Superintendent of Custodial Services will be asked to join the March meeting to discuss waste management procedures from the custodial perspective. It will be requested that she bring an example of a custodial cart. This will allow for an assessment of current collection.

At the April Sustainability Committee Meeting, the Director of Maintenance and Custodial will be invited to provide a facilities perspective on recycling at CFCC. The committee will look at recycling bin options to see which ones best suit different needs throughout the college. This will allow specific recommendations to be made.

**Update on Resolution to Include Sustainability as a CFCC Strategic Initiative:** John Wojciechowski has finalized the proposal but with recent administration changes, the Initiative will be put on hold.

**New Business:**

**AT Building:** Can the committee create influence in construction such as bottle fillers and LEED standards?

**March Meeting:** The March meeting will be set for the March 19<sup>th</sup> time frame via email vote.

**Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM**