

To: Vincent Boudreau, President
From: Erick Puntiel, CCNY Student
Date: February 10, 2020
Subject: Implementation of more shuttle buses

The purpose of this memo is to discuss the implementation of more shuttle buses. As of now, wait times for shuttle buses feels very inconsistent, which leads to difficulties in daily commutes.

Summary:

As of now, the City College of New York (CCNY) provides a shuttle bus service from 125th street to the campus, and from 145th street to the campus. Many students feel that the buses are very inconsistent. I propose that we add more buses, for more frequent bus rides and a more consistent schedule. I would like to discuss this proposal in person whenever it is most suitable.

Discussion:

Many students use the shuttle buses as a quick means of transportation from the 145th and 125th train stations to the college campus, as well as the other way around. However, factors such as bus drivers needing breaks, buses having to wait for students, and the city traffic are all factors which slow down the bus. Since there are a limited number of buses, and the buses come on an irregular basis, buses commonly reach maximum capacity. Because buses quickly reach maximum capacity, it is very hard to actually get a spot on the bus, especially during high volume hours such as the morning.

Adding more buses makes bus wait times shorter, which can lead to the creation of a bus schedule. A bus schedule is very helpful for students, as they can plan their daily commute in accordance to when the next bus will arrive. Convenient locations for placement of the bus schedule would be on campus, in front of the North Academic Center (NAC) and in front of the Marshak Science Building. This is where the shuttle buses wait for students on campus. In addition to physical schedules on campus, a digital schedule can be posted online for 24/7 access to students. Adding more buses might be expensive, as costs such as gas, bus driver salary and new salaries will add up. An alternative to having multiple buses on route all day is to only have multiple buses during peak hours. For example, morning and evening seem to be the busiest times, since most students take classes in the morning and leave in the evening. Having multiple buses during an off-hour might not be as necessary, as the shuttle bus is not in high demand at the time. Adjusting the number of buses dependent on the hour helps to save money on gas costs.

I believe that a successful shuttle bus system is something that would greatly benefit CCNY students and take away some of the stress of daily commuting. Along with the benefits mentioned above, a reliable shuttle bus system would improve attendance. Many CCNY students commute by way of trains, which are very susceptible to delays. Having quick and reliable transportation to campus promotes academic success.

Recommendation:

I would be very grateful if you were able to approve this proposal and would like to discuss this whenever you are available. I can set up a meeting with the necessary staff members if you please. You can email me at epuntie000@citymail.cuny.edu if you would like me to arrange a meeting.