

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.

Summary:

As of now, 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 slow down the bus. Since there are a limited number of buses, and the buses come so irregularly, it is not often for a bus to become completely full. During high volume hours, such as the morning, it not worth it to wait for an unknown amount of time, just for a chance to get a seat on the bus.

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 with when the next bus will arrive. Adding more buses might be expensive, as costs such as gas, bus driver salary, and new buses might add up. An alternative to having multiple buses on route all day is to have multiple buses on route only during peak hours and having a single bus during off-hours. For example, morning and evening seem to be the busiest times, as students are arriving and leaving campus. Having multiple buses during an off-hour might not be 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 on gas costs.

I believe that a successful shuttle bus system is something that would greatly benefit CCNY students and take some of the stress out of daily commuting.

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.