A Resolution -

To be known as “A Resolution to Improve Transportation Services” concerning recommendations to Transportation Services and the Transportation Services Advisory Council relating to parking policy and bus routes at Texas State University-San Marcos.

WHEREAS: Transportation Services has requested the Associated Student Government to call for a student referendum to increase the Bus Fee by $17 for FY14 and has submitted a proposal to the President’s Cabinet to increase all parking permit fees; and

WHEREAS: The Associated Student Government has received a report on the state of parking and transportation for Texas State University and understands both the bus system and parking must work as one integrated transportation network; and

WHEREAS: A potential increase in the bus fee cannot be completely separate from the issues of rising permit costs and the issues presented by parking and transportation are issues that affect every student, faculty and staff member on campus; and

WHEREAS: The Associated Student Government has a duty to present the students’ opinion as policy where decision making occurs across campus in all divisions; and
WHEREAS: The Transportation Services Advisory Council, made up of faculty, staff, students and Transportation personnel, could be a working group; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: The following proposals be submitted on behalf of the Associated Student Government to the Transportation Services Advisory Council and associated staff and that we grant the authority to our representatives on the Council to negotiate and work out all unspecified details therein:

1. That the Edward Gary Street garage be designated an All-Zone lot for the remainder of the year in order to establish the lot as a desirable location on campus for parking.

2. That the Apartment, Commuter, All-Zone, and select restricted zones be reorganized into a modified “lot by lot” system whereby permits are sold at a rate of increasing cost according to proximity to central campus with no restrictions for purchase based on residential or commuter status.

3. That the general public, except during special events, be allowed to park on campus between 7:00 PM and 5:00 AM every day. That the carpool program be expanded and marketed for
those riders displaced by the BTI cancellation.

4. Explore the possibility of inter-agency agreements within the region for busing service to and from San Marcos and Austin and San Marcos and San Antonio; namely Capital Metro and VIA Metropolitan Transit.

5. Create a Van Shuttle Service for any students who are in their final semesters of study to be implemented in FY14. Qualifying students who can demonstrate a need may receive alternate transportation to and from campus, which students may have to pay fee to ride the van to cover fuel and other expenditures.

6. Additional bike racks be installed in areas seeing high cyclist traffic.

7. Increase motor cycle parking.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution will be forwarded to ASG Advisor, Kathy Weiser, Dean of Students, Dr. Margarita Arellano, Vice President for Finance and Support Services, Mr. Bill Nance, Transportation Services Advisory Council, Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Joanne Smith and university President Dr. Denise Trauth upon passage.