

University of New Hampshire Graduate Student Senate  
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A Resolution Encouraging a Shuttle System Connecting the UNH Campuses

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WHEREAS, the mission of the University System of New Hampshire states that “From its main campus in Durham, its college in Manchester, and the UNH School of Law in Concord, the University serves New Hampshire and the region through continuing education, cooperative extension, cultural outreach, economic development activities, and applied research”; and

WHEREAS, several programs at both the graduate and undergraduate levels, such as the dual JD/MBA program and undergraduate Physics degree at UNH-Manchester, require students to attend classes and/or labs at multiple UNH campuses; and

WHEREAS, faculty, staff, and graduate students frequently need to commute between the campuses for classes, office hours, meetings, and other business; and

WHEREAS, there are currently no direct means of public transportation between Durham and Manchester or Concord; and

WHEREAS, an emphasis has been made at all levels of the University administration to integrate all of the campuses into the overall identity of the University of New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a shuttle service between the three UNH campuses would make it easier for students, faculty, staff, and the general public to move more easily between the campuses, creating a greater sense of inclusion and access for all; and

WHEREAS, a survey conducted by the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) in Spring 2011 indicated that 39% of UNH Durham respondents felt that connecting the Manchester campus should be a priority and 36% found it to be very or possibly useful; and

WHEREAS, that same Spring 2011 TPC survey showed that driving alone was the primary mode of commute to UNH for 85% of faculty and staff and 48% of students; and

WHEREAS, UNH Transportation Services prides itself on being the largest transit system in the state and for its ecological impact, having removed hundreds of thousands of private vehicle miles from the roads;

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of New Hampshire Graduate Student Senate strongly encourages University Transportation Services to make exploring the feasibility of and demand for creating routes that connect the three UNH campuses in Durham, Manchester, and Concord a high priority.