

Spring 2014  
Referendum #1  
Submitted by: Council of Presidents

### Referendum

Whereas, the UL Lafayette Office of Transportation Services provides vital functions for students including, but not limited to, weekday transportation between Cajun Field and the main campus and Bourgeois Hall, game-day shuttles, bus rentals for campus organizations, student parking, etc.;

Whereas, a combination of state budget cuts and static revenue generated by the current student self-assessed transportation fee have resulted in an insufficient funding base for Transportation Services;

Whereas, **the current parking and transit fee was passed in Fall 2002**, and has not increased since then;

Whereas, current funding levels constrain the University's ability to maintain its aging infrastructure, expand transportation services for students, and offer innovative responses to student transportation challenges ;

Whereas, maintenance limitations make it increasingly difficult to operate the University's bus fleet at full capacity, contributing to long waiting lines at Cajun Field that, at times, cause students to be late for classes;

Whereas, the University wishes to significantly upgrade and expand its student transportation;

Whereas, Transportation Services wishes to improve amenities at bus stops on campus and at Cajun Field;

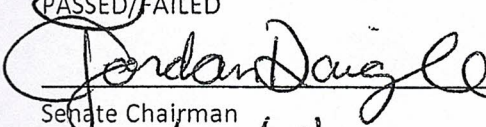
Whereas, the University also wishes to offer new transportation services to students, such as, shuttle services between campus and local stores, recreation or activities;

Whereas, the Student Government Association is aware that other state universities are considering an increase in student transportation fees;

Whereas, the Student Government Association, after consulting with the Office of Transportation Services, has determined that an immediate revenue increase is needed to maintain existing student transportation services and to offer improvements and innovations in the future;

Therefore be it enacted that this question be posed to the student-body on the Spring of 2014 election ballot: "Effective Fall 2014, should the student body raise its student self-assessed fee for transportation services from \$25 to \$50 each fall and spring semester, and from \$12.50 to \$25 each summer semester?"

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Senate Chairman

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SGA President