**UA Resolution # X**

**Addressing the TCAT deficit**

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**Whereas**, the number of TCAT riders have increased while Ithaca and Cornell subsidies have remained the same.

**Whereas,** TCAT is now receiving an average of $.86 per ride $.14 below their breakeven payment per ride. This has created an annual deficit of over $700,000.

**Whereas,** Cornell provides all first year students with free annual TCAT passes.

**Whereas,** the increased number of rides given to first year students is the primary cause for a drop in average payment per ride.

**Whereas,** according to the West Campus Residential Initiative Replacement Parking Lot Agreement, the original commitment of free first year passes was intended to last through 2008 fiscal year.

**Be it therefore resolved,** if Cornell is unable to increase its subsidies to TCAT to meet the $1.00 per ride limit with existing funding sources, first year students will no longer be able to receive free annual TCAT passes. Students may purchase their own annual TCAT pass or pay per ride.

**Resolved,** travel information and TCAT rider options will be provided to all first year students as part of their enrollment checklist. Students will also be able to use their Cornell identification cards to pay for single rides.

**Be it finally resolved,** Transportation Management from Facilities Services will conduct an annual meeting with the Campus Infrastructure Committee to discuss Cornell ridership and TCAT financial status.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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