



UA Recommendations:

Shuttle Buses to Classes

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BACKGROUND

Overview

Upperclassmen living in High Rises or living off campus and Freshmen who have classes far away from their College Houses have to walk a long distance to reach their classrooms. This becomes especially challenging when the weather conditions are not ideal such as in the winter. The goal of this initiative is to have Penn Transit bus shuttles run from the High Rises to the Engineering Quad and David Rittenhouse Laboratory, in the morning, so that students can reach classes faster and more comfortably.

Current Status

The University of Pennsylvania currently offers two bus shuttles that run across campus- Penn Bus West and Penn Bus East. Passengers from the University of Pennsylvania who have valid institutional IDs can ride these shuttles for free. These buses run from 5PM to 12AM from Monday to Friday:

1. Penn Bus West (<https://cms.business-services.upenn.edu/transportation/schedules/pennbus-west.html>)
2. Penn Bus East (<https://cms.business-services.upenn.edu/transportation/schedules/pennbus-east.html>)

Undergraduate Assembly Updates

The Undergraduate Assembly has met with the following administrative offices to discuss the expansion and promotion of the shuttle initiative,:

1. Business Services
 - a. Date
 - i. November 15, 2019
 - b. Recommendations

The administration stated that for public safety reasons and to promote physical wellness, they have not yet started bus shuttles during the morning hours.

STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

Student Survey

A survey was carried out to gauge interest for shuttles from the High Rises to DRL and the Engineering Quad. The major tool used for distributing the survey was the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences weekly email

1. A 111 students responded with a 109 saying that they would utilize a shuttle that runs from the High Rises to DRL and the Engineering Quad in the morning
2. 50.5 % students believed that the shuttles should start at 8:30 AM
3. Link to the survey results:

(<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fMTQQBnib6L4shjeXbx1zSEKyabXpAZVN1vggcvuvmM/edit#responses>)

UA RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations

The Undergraduate Assembly recommends the following in order to help students reach classes faster and more comfortably:

1. Have a pilot bus shuttle running from 8:15 AM to 10:15 AM from Monday through Friday
2. The shuttle should run every half an hour (the lower bound on the frequency is every hour on MWF and every 90 minutes on TR)
3. The bus can follow the same route that Penn Bus West follows with stops near the High Rise Field, The Quad, David Rittenhouse Laboratory and Franklins' Table