To: Students, faculty and staff

From: James W.E. Rush, Vice-President, Academic & Provost

Date: January 13, 2010

Subject: Potential Grand River Transit labour disruption

Note: This email is for information and for action

Members of the University of Waterloo campus community should be aware of the possibility of a planned Grand River Transit labour disruption, expected to begin Tuesday, January 14 in the early morning hours.

It is our understanding that GRT’s vehicle fleet will not be on the road in the event of a strike but that the ION LRT will be operating. However, in the event of ION disruption, backup shuttle bus service would not be available.

I advise students, faculty and staff to consider alternative transportation arrangements in the event that transit service is unavailable.

There are a number of campus transportation resources available, including:

- Commuting tools on the Sustainability website
- Parking Services carpooling information
- Student Life Centre commuting resources
- University of Waterloo Rideshare on Facebook

The University has access to free carpool matching software through its membership in the Region of Waterloo TravelWise program, which can help employees and students share rides to campus.

If you drive to campus, consider offering a ride to a peer or colleague. Drivers and people seeking rides can use TravelWise to get matched, and can carpool with people from neighbouring organizations like Wilfrid Laurier University and OpenText.

Click on these links to register:

- Register as an employee
Register as a student

We know that a significant number of our students and employees rely on public transit to attend school and work, and a transit disruption requires them to seek alternative solutions. I encourage instructors and managers to take this into account when managing expectations about student and staff attendance during the transit disruption, and to explore what specific adjustments might be appropriate if the strike makes attendance impossible.

We will provide more information as it becomes available on the University's homepage.

Sincerely,

James W.E. Rush
Vice-President, Academic & Provost

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