

Racine City Clerk  
730 Washington Ave.  
Racine, WI 53401

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Dear Sir or Madam,

We, a group of Racine residents, and students at the University of Wisconsin- Parkside respectfully request an opportunity to address the issue of the proposed cuts to the Route 9 bus service.

Not all the people who ride this bus to Kenosha are students. A recent petition drive, done in the hopes someone will see the error of this decision, to shows that there are Racine residents, who work in Kenosha; students living on campus who work in Racine, use the businesses and services here; a group of about 15 developmentally delayed students from Park High School who go out to Parkside on a weekly basis; seniors who take classes, and all who have no other transportation available.

Many of these people pay a fare to ride this bus, and many have looked over the proposal I submitted to the college, which would have saved them \$23,000 per year. It seems that 15 members of Student Government were allowed to make this decision for the entire group of people who ride the bus, and there is no one who can override this decision on campus. This leaves it up to Racine's City Government.

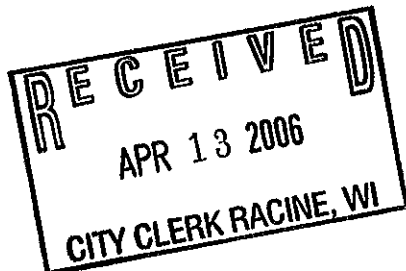
We are respectfully requesting time before the City Council to again address this issue. We are hoping you will review the enclosed proposal, in a more serious fashion than Parkside did. We need this bus, it is our future jobs and education that is at stake, and it is obvious that Parkside's administration believes that the 15 people who made the cuts to the budget are sincerely acting in the best interests of all involved. It is unfortunate that no one asked the people who would be most affected.

Thank you in advance for both your time and consideration on this matter.

Respectfully,



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Student Leader-  
Students United for a Better Campus



Refer to Transit & Parking

## Route 9 Bus Proposal

Charge students \$100 for bus pass- will decrease costs to college. (Only for students of Parkside; ½ the cost of Racine Transit monthly pass).

$\$100.00 \times 40 = \$4,000$  per semester

$\$4,000.00 \times 2$  semesters =  $\$8,000.00$  per yearly term

\*\*  $\$100.00 \times 20 = \$2,000$  per semester

\*\*  $\$2,000.00 \times 2$  semesters =  $\$4,000.00$  per yearly term

Add zone fare of \$.50 per person to go across Kenosha County Line- will decrease costs to college. (Charged to all riders -\$1.75 fare).

$\$.50 \times 40 \times 2 = \$40.00$  per day

$\$40.00 \times 5 = \$200.00$  per week

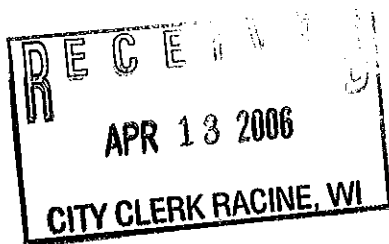
$\$200 \times 4.3$  weeks =  $\$860.00$  per month

$\$860 \times 5$  months =  $\$4,300.00$  per semester

$\$4,300 \times 2$  semesters =  $\$8,600.00$  per yearly term

Money savings to university --  $\$16,600$

$\$40,000 - \$16,600 = \$23,400$



The clear way to both save money and keep the bus running is outlined below.

This is a feasible from a money savings standpoint for the college. It would reduce the costs of SUFAC fees paid out for the Racine Belle Urban System by \$16,000 per year.

While it may put a further burden on the students, it would keep the bus running.

(1) The cost of the bus pass which is currently given to students would be paid for separately from student fees, and only by those who ride the bus.

(2) Passes would be purchased each semester term and would be useable only during that time.

(3) Replacement passes would have an additional cost, and only 1 replacement would be available per student per semester. (This would stop non-students from obtaining a student pass).

(4) Students receiving pass would have to prove current enrollment as full/part-time enrollment with both a Parkside Id. and current semester bill.

\*\* For those students who audit classes, they would need a statement from the Registrar's office.

In doing the petition drive to save the Route 9 bus, a question was posed about evening service. This was done to see how many people would take advantage of evening classes and activities available at Parkside.

Both the past and present drivers indicated there was a period during the day (11am-1/1:30) when there is no ridership.

Currently to come to evening classes, you must either have a car or be willing to pay the \$20 fee charged by the Kenosha Taxi to go to Durand and Taylor, or \$23 to go to the mall.

When negotiating the next contract, perhaps the hours of no ridership could be transferred to the evening instead. This would bring in additional tuition for classes and increased enrollment.

Evening activities also are currently inaccessible to many who would like to attend.

**\*\* nearly everyone who signed the petition was in favor of evening hours.**