

## OCCT PROPOSAL

Off Campus College Transport, Inc., is a student operated and managed enterprise, which provides reliable, convenient, and courteous transportation to the Binghamton University community. It was originally founded by graduate students in the absence of a local transit system as a means to carry the students back and forth between the triple cities and the Binghamton University Campus.

Its main decision-making body is composed of 10 undergraduate students, 2 Graduate Students (GSO President and the OCCT Rep), the OCCT Service Manager and an administration representative. It has a budget of approximately \$750,000 : \$400,000 coming from the Transportation Fee (collected by the Administration from both graduate and undergraduate students) and \$300,000 coming from the OCCT Fee charged by the GSO and the SA. (\$8.00 per graduate student and \$12.50 per undergraduate student.)

Currently, the OCCT is running an approximately \$100,000 deficit and will become insolvent by 2012. The SA proposes to transfer all of its administrative responsibility for the OCCT to the university administration in order to cope with the fiscal crisis.

The GSO e-board alternatively proposes to retain the OCCT as a student-run enterprise because of its tradition as an autonomous student organization, its capacity to provide jobs to both undergraduate and graduate students, and its services which cannot be offered by the BC transit.

### Changes in the Financial Structure

1. Equating the OCCT fee for both Graduate and Undergraduate Students to \$16 per person – This will be sufficient to make up for the deficit.
2. Charging 1 Dollar for the Late Night Service – which will create approximately \$15,000 total.
3. Cutting down buses from 5 to 4 – which will create approximately \$ 40,000
4. Reintroducing Stipends For the Trainees – An additional 1-3 Dollar per (undergraduate and graduate Student)
5. Employing A Professional Service Manager - An additional 1 Dollar per (undergraduate and graduate Student) – Salary Increase from \$31,000 to \$44,000

### Changes in the Institutional Structure

1. Increasing the number of Graduate Student Representatives from 2 to 3. (GSO President, Treasurer and OCCT Representative.)
2. Transfer of Executive Offices to the GSO - The Chief Executive Officer will become the GSO President and the Chief Financial Officer will become the GSO Treasurer
3. 10/3 Undergraduate to Graduate Ratio to be preserved on all levels; including bus drivers. (Currently there are about 8 Graduate Bus Drivers. This will increase to 15; depending on other changes.)
4. Employing A Professional Service Manager – In order to Assure Institutional Continuity