



Chancellor Drale and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Dr. Decker:

In 2015, the Trojan Transit was created to enhance safety and sustainability initiatives and help students and employees navigate the campus faster and easier. By 2019, the Trojan Transit, along with several other initiatives at UA Little Rock, were eliminated to reduce costs. As a result, students on campus who had night classes or attended events in the evening, in addition to students who depended on the Trojan Transit to get to and from classes, were left in the dark.

The elimination of Trojan Transit has greatly impacted students with disabilities. During the 2019-2020 academic year, numerous students with disabilities approached the Student Government Association (SGA) looking for advocacy and access to the campus. Social interaction is a cornerstone of the modern university experience. Upon hearing their concerns, the Student Government Association allocated \$4500 of its budget to purchase a wheelchair-accessible golf cart for the UA Little Rock Disabilities Resource Center. Sadly, the pandemic barred the funds from being used to buy the golf cart.

In 2020, there were growing concerns that students with disabilities may have been increasingly impacted by the elimination of the Trojan Transit. Although campus events were limited during this academic year due to the ongoing pandemic, when the announcement was made that UA Little Rock will be returning to campus in the fall, students made their voices heard. Once again, students reached out to SGA with words of discouragement, noting that they, due to safety concerns and physical limitations, will not be able to participate fully in activities on campus.

On Thursday, April 29, 2021, the Student Government Association took it upon themselves to highlight the need for transportation for students with disabilities on campus. SGA allocated \$1000 of its budget to establish a fund to help purchase the necessary equipment, i.e. wheelchair-accessible golf cart, that will enable our students to fully participate in all university activities, regardless of safety concerns or physical limitations.

Nevertheless, SGA acknowledges that \$1000 is insufficient. Thus, we call upon UA Little Rock to:

1. Reinstate the Trojan Transit by the start of the 2021-2022 academic year; or

2. Allocate additional funding, on top of the SGA funding, to purchase an accessible mode of transportation.

All students deserve an opportunity to succeed and participate at UA Little Rock.

Respectfully,

The Student Government Association at UA Little Rock