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TPAC TOURS METRO FACILITIES & COUGAR LINE BUSES

Houston, April 21, 2009 – The Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee (TPAC) convened for its last session of the 2008-2009 academic year on April 17, 2009. During the session the group divided in two and took on special assignments.

The first group was designated to tour the Cougar Line buses and evaluate the service. This group spoke with students and staff to find out their opinions about the service and see how the service operates. The group received an invaluable amount of response from the riders on what they like and dislike about the service. In turn they committee will use this information to make recommendations on how to improve the Cougar Line.

The second group rode a METRO bus from campus to the Downtown Transit Center where they met with METRO representatives. The group which included, SGA President Kenneth Fomunung, Vice President Prince Wilson and was led by Assistant Vice President for University Services Emily Messa and Director of Parking and Transportation Robert Browand were given a tour of the METRO station and the METRO Ride Store where one of the members was able to register for a discounted METRO Q Card. After the tour, the group rode a METRO bus back to campus. The group will share the experience with members of the university community in an effort to gain more acceptance of public transportation as a valid method of commuting to the University of Houston campus.

More about TPAC

TPAC works closely with the Department of Parking & Transportation Services (PTS) serving as a conduit for the exchange of information and ideas between the community, PTS and University Administration. TPAC provides advice and assistance regarding plans for the development of parking facilities, parking enforcement issues, parking fees and fines, shuttle bus operations and transportation and parking issues.

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