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The Campus Connector is an inter-campus shuttle program which allows UFV students, faculty, and staff access between the Abbotsford UFV Campus and Canada Education Park in Chilliwack. The Campus Connector service was launched in September 2013 after a successful referendum by UFV students to introduce the program. The program has over 2,200 riders per week and operates Monday to Friday from approximately 7am-10pm. Currently UFV students pay \$17.75 per semester and UFV contributes \$100,000 per year, which allows UFV students, faculty, and staff unlimited access to the Campus Connector.

PRESS RELEASE

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UFV Student Union Society proposes expansion of the Campus Connector shuttle program

Abbotsford, BC — The campus connector shuttle service – which transports students, staff, and faculty between the Abbotsford and Chilliwack campuses – is experiencing significantly higher usage this year. There are over 2,200 weekly riders and as many as 85 students turned away with the shuttle at capacity. “Many UFV students without their own vehicles rely exclusively on the Campus Connector to get to their classes, as do many others who want to save money and go green” said SUS Vice President Internal Thomas Davies.

The upcoming referendum will ask to increase the capacity between Chilliwack and Abbotsford, which will look to provide enough seats for the current student demand. An additional bus from about 7am to 4pm between the campuses, and improved evening scheduling to better accommodate night classes, would cost \$3.50/semester.

Additionally, students have the opportunity to add shuttle service between Langley and Abbotsford. “Throughout the last two referendums, we’ve seen more and more student requests for a Langley Connector option” said Davies. “We feel that the time has come to give students the Langley shuttle they’ve been increasingly asking for.” If approved, the shuttle would run six roundtrips daily Monday-Thursday and four roundtrips on Friday for \$5.45/semester.

SUS President Ryan Petersen noted that “both service upgrades come as the result of student feedback and increased demand every semester, as students are realising that there is a transportation method between campuses that doesn’t involve a car.”

Students will have the opportunity to vote on both the proposed service upgrade to the Abbotsford to Chilliwack route and the proposed Langley Connector between October 30 and November 4 via

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my.ufv.ca under “myUFV Surveys and Elections”. Students should note that the voting panel is sometimes found under the “Campus Life” tab.

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