

NSAC Policy for the Transportation of Students

The NSAC Van Policy Committee made a decision to prohibit the use of 15 passenger vans for the transportation of students for all activities including field trips and any athletic event. This change in policy became effective in June of 2008. NSAC and the Senior Management Committee regard safety as extremely important and fully support this decision. NSAC has become one of many organizations to implement such a policy change as a result of the tragic accidents which have occurred involving these types of vehicles.

NSAC is currently in the process of purchasing or leasing a minibus (carrying 23 passengers). The exact delivery date of such a bus has not been established, but it will not be delivered until sometime during the fall semester. As a result, it will still be required that alternate arrangements for transporting students are found. In the interim, the following procedures apply:

1. The policy of drivers of campus vehicles will remain the same. If student drivers are needed they will have to be 21 years of age, properly licensed and qualified under the current process for operation of NSAC vehicles.
2. If there are 12 students or less on the trip, rental of a minivan(s) is suggested. NSAC has already received quotes for this service, and this will be the standing rate for anyone renting a vehicle with/for NSAC. The extra insurance offered by the rental company is to be purchased with the rental. **During this interim period, the cost of rentals will be split 50/50 between Departments/Units and Administration. Each trip should be reviewed and authorized by the Head of the Department/Unit to ensure the best educational experience is being received while incurring the least amount of expense.**
3. If there are more than 12 students on a trip, a hired bus may be considered rather than rental of several minivans or cars (names of suppliers are listed below).
4. The use of personal vehicles, owned by faculty, staff or students, for transporting NSAC students or students traveling together on a field trip or athletic event is prohibited.

Buses:

Acadian Lines 1-800-688-5353 or 1-506 870-4821
Ambassatours 1-800-565-7173 Ext 255
Perry Rand Bus Service 1-866-765-8825 or 902-679-7773
Markie Bus Tours 1-902-843-5501
Trius Tours 1-800-903 -5664 or 902-566 -5664

Minivans:

Budget Car Rental (Doug Crossman) 1-902-895-3723
Enterprise Car Rental 1-902-897-4859

Agreed to by Senior Management August 20, 2008