Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Special Election – Staff Candidacy Statements

Jasmine Cooper – Program Management Specialist, External Relations, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

I am interested in serving on the CTAC primarily because I want to better serve the campus community. I enjoy all of the services offered by the University, but I think a few improvements could be made and I would like to share some suggestions. I also would like to interact with more people in various roles at the University.

Sally DeLeon – Project Manager, Environmental Safety, Office of Sustainability

I am a project manager in the Office of Sustainability. One of my most important, ongoing projects is management and support of the UMD Climate Action Plan. I am interested serving on CTAC to ensure that the university's sustainability-oriented goals are considered in discussions of parking and transportation issues. By serving on CTAC I would hope to help find realistic ways of improving incentives and support for faculty and staff who want to try to reduce the environmental impact of their daily transportation habits.

I commute daily by car with my small daughter who attends preschool on campus and we occasionally take public transportation to campus to save fuel and try something different. I also try to use Shuttle-UM to get around campus for meetings but have had mixed success with this. If elected to CTAC I would have a more solid standing to gather information from other staff and faculty members about their daily transportation successes and challenges. I would do my best to represent the voice of busy employees who are trying to find reliable ways to move around sustainability.

Dana Wimbish – IT Data Entry Supervisor, Building Security Systems, Technology Services Bureau, Department of Public Safety

My name is Dana Wimbish. I am currently serving as a member of the Council of University System Staff (CUSS) and am honored to have been nominated for the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC). I have worked for the Department of Public Safety for over 7 years. In my position, I often work on campus assisting with traffic control during special events like sporting events, Maryland Day, commencements and high school graduations. This gives me a unique perspective as someone who both commutes to campus daily and sees the impact of some of the policies and practices on the entire university community and visitors first hand. Parking and transportation issues are important to me as a member of the University of Maryland College Park community. I would welcome the chance to bring my point of view and provide a voice to the interests I have heard on these issues. Thank you for your consideration.