Electric Carts Policy

Effective July 16, 2012

As we continue to grow in enrollment and add another 380 residential students to the campus next month, our streets and sidewalks are going to become more crowded. The majority of our electric cart fleet is not street legal and must drive on the sidewalks. Increased pedestrian traffic make it more and more difficult for our carts to get around. During the last few months we have had incidences of carts coming close to or colliding with students. As a result, the University needs to become much more restrictive in its cart usage.

Facility and Technology Services has eliminated 20% of its cart fleet and will eliminate an additional 10% by the end of this fiscal year. In addition, FTS no longer permits staff to use carts unless they are transporting equipment or materials heavier or bulkier than a laptop. Campus Safety carts have been replaced with street legal versions and two patrol bicycles are being purchased so Campus Safety Officers can patrol in a safer and quicker manner. Cart routes are being reviewed and some sidewalks will be closed to vehicular traffic.

Effective immediately, the following policies will be in effect:

- No further University cart purchases will be approved unless authorized by the President’s cabinet;
- All electric carts purchased must be street legal;
- Electric carts that are street legal should be driven on the streets wherever possible;
- Electric carts that are not street legal may be driven on the sidewalks, but only for transportation of equipment or heavy materials;
- Passenger carts may be used to transport individuals who require assistance due to age or physical limitations.

Facilities Management will continue to offer assistance with the transportation of materials for events on campus. This may be in the form of a temporary cart loan (for authorized cart drivers), or in the form of Facility staff members.

I apologize for any inconvenience this policy may result in, but we need to put the safety of our students, faculty, staff, and visitors first. I am asking all current cart owners outside of FTS to please abide by these regulations. Violations of this policy may result in the suspension of cart-driving privileges.