
Physical Plant

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To whom it may concern:

SUNY Cortland has over a quarter century of experience managing an electric vehicle fleet.

SUNY Cortland began using electric vehicles in the late 1970's; with the purchase of four (4) Cushman work vehicles. These were distributed between our Grounds Department, Athletics, and Computer Services Department to move staff and materials around campus.

The Cushman vehicles were retired in the late 1980's, when they were augmented then replaced by a fleet of twenty (20) 'Club Car golf carts. These carts were distributed widely throughout campus including eight (8) being distributed to the Facilities group, four (4) distributed to computer services, two (2) distributed to Admissions, and six others being distributed as needed to other departments on campus.

The club cars were retired in 2003-04, when we took possession of seventeen (17) Neighborhood Elec. Vehicles as a test facility for the manufacturer, Pathway Research; copies of the research survey are available for inspection.

In 2005 we took possession of twenty-eight (28) Daimler Chrysler GEM electric vehicles, which were distributed to various departments on campus, based upon need. This program remains in place today. The electric vehicle fleet is driven strictly on campus. Total mileage for the GEM car fleet averages around ten thousand (10,000) miles a year, and electric vehicles now represent nearly 20% of our total campus vehicles.

As the number of vehicle suppliers continues to grow and the variety of electric utility vehicles expands, we expect that the college electric fleet will continue to grow.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy E. Slack".

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