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**Resolution in support of approving the environmental affairs committee recommendation to use sustainability funding in partnership with the campus sustainability committee to purchase a bike shelter.**

*Whereas:* The Sustainability Fund is an SGA initiated program to implement sustainable projects on campus to reduce the university's carbon footprint.

*Whereas:* The Student Senate has authorized the Environmental Affairs committee to review and recommend projects that they deem sustainable and appropriate for Senate discussion. After much discussion and review of project alternatives, the Environmental Affairs committee recommends that the Student Senate approve investing the entirety of the Sustainability Fund, \$18,200, in the development of a bike shelter and bike rack facility.

*Whereas:* Commuting and campus travel accounts for 21% of the UWGB Carbon Footprint, making this a particularly advantageous avenue to make an impact on reducing carbon emissions.

*Moreover:* Gas prices are projected to continue to increase in the coming years and the current rate of \$4 a gallon already causes significant hardships on students. Students have also suggested in a 2011 survey that bike facilities and storage on campus could be improved.

*Also:* 2010 survey data suggests that 60% of the campus population lives in or within 5 miles from campus. This suggests that many students if given the opportunity could bike to campus conveniently. 10% of student's surveyed in 2010 suggested that they already used bikes as a primary or secondary form of transit, suggesting there is a demand for bike racks. Additionally, parking on campus is expensive, and if more people bike they can reduce the amount required to purchase a parking pass because it decreases as the year goes on.

*Whereas:* Bike shelters are particularly visible installations that protect bikes from the elements, which may increase ridership during times when rain may be in the forecast. Moreover, bike shelters can store bikes over the winter months, which may encourage winter riding.

*Whereas:* Much has been done to increase user rates of the U Pass system and Zimride and this would be an added piece to making alternative transit more appealing to students. Furthermore, this installation may encourage more students to bike which reduces our campus' carbon footprint while also increasing the health of individual members of the campus community.

*Therefore:* Be it resolved that the Student Senate, and by extension, the student body, supports the development of a bike shelter on campus.



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