

Joint Resolution #2

Senate Sponsor: Cindy Chen
Assembly Sponsor: Sarah Moffit

BE IT ENACTED by the 2015-2016 ASUU Senate and ASUU Assembly that:

WHEREAS, the student body has expressed significant interest in the University's establishing an "Active Transportation" budget by July 1, 2016, the date by which the University's budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17 takes effect;

WHEREAS, since October 22, the Honors College's Urban Ecology and Sustainability Scholars have gathered 1,373 signatures from students who agree to the below petition;

WHEREAS, The University of Utah, the most recognized and prestigious university in the state, has yet to recognize consistent funding for Active Transportation projects that not only save the University money, but also reduce commuter congestion, as per the Bicycle Master Plan put forth by Campus Planning of Facilities Management;

WHEREAS, The University of Utah conducted a Commuter Survey during the fall of 2014, in which 11,451 of 42,228 students, faculty and staff participated. It was found that 21% of the total student population, 61% of the total faculty population and 31% of the total staff population all showed significant interest in commuting;

WHEREAS, The University of Utah, as the 12th largest city in the state, is a major contributor to the quality of our air;

WHEREAS, in the state of Utah as a whole, the number of Utahns commuting by bike has increased by 65% over the past 7 years;

WHEREAS, the benefits of implementing stable funding for Active transportation include:

- Foster the option to commute to and from campus other than personal vehicle(s)
- Improved Student, Faculty and Staff Health
- Accrued savings
- Positive environmental contribution to the state

WHEREAS, lastly student fees at no point should increase due to the change;

THEREFORE, be it enacted by the 2015-2016 ASUU Senate and Assembly that the elected officials of ASUU show support of the initiative for the University of Utah to secure a consistent source of funding for Active Transportation to implement projects proposed by the Bicycle Master Plan and for the fund to be dispersed through a partnership between Commuter Services, Facilities Management, and the Sustainability Office as determined by campus administration.

Active Transportation

This is an initiative of the Honors Sustainability Scholars, in partnership with ASUU and the Bennion Center, to increase active transportation on campus.

We, the undersigned, agree that students who use active transportation (biking, walking, skateboarding) should be represented in the University's transportation budget. In addition, spending for active transportation can benefit campus accessibility (e.g. widening paths at Huntsman Events Center to Annex parking lot and between the Union and Orson Spencer Hall). Currently, no dedicated funding exists for active transportation amenities and pathways, maintenance of those amenities and pathways, or

programmatic initiatives such as the bicycle collective, even though on the busiest week days of the academic year up to 15% of students coming to campus are using active transportation. We sign this petition because we want there to be dedicated annual funding for active transportation, representative of these students, and in line with the stated sustainability goals of the University of Utah. At no point should this funding increase student fees.

Ambra Jackson, ASUU President

Date

Anthony Fratto, Assembly Chair

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Cindy Chen, Senate Chair

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