

Student Government Resolution 072.002
Resolution Supporting the Need for a Cooperative Bike Workshop

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long-term interests of the Student Association in the formulation of University policy and in the fulfillment of the University mission; and
- The Strategic Planning Advisory Committee's (SPAC) document outlines the University's vision that "Truman will be America's premier public liberal arts and sciences university;" and
- The allocation of space for the Bike Co-op and the creation of the bike workshop on campus facilitates the University's movement towards achieving the goals of SPAC document; and
- The SPAC document states that:
 - The University needs to "further student growth and development by increasing learning-focused student interaction with faculty and staff beyond the classroom."
 - The Bike Co-op increases learning-focused interaction with faculty, staff, and other students beyond the classroom by providing workshops which teach life skills.
 - The Bike Co-op creates the potential for in-class learning by supporting current curriculum of the Mountain Biking class, the Environmental Health class, and serve as a service learning component for many more.
 - The University needs to "forge close links and increased collaboration with Kirksville and the surrounding region to address unmet needs as appropriate and to increase participation in University activities."
 - Bikes are a popular mode of transportation in the Kirksville community, yet there is no place in the surrounding area to aid riders in maintaining their bikes.
 - If the bike workshop existed it would be the only bike shop in Northeast Missouri and would draw community members to Truman's campus.
 - Community members can participate in learning life skills associated with biking.
 - The University needs to "optimize use of facilities through improved logistical management."
 - Currently the University has inefficiently utilized space at the CDC building, portions of Greenwood school, the MAC "garage", Thrasher Apartments, residence near Barnett Hall, and basement of Kirk Building.
 - The Bike Co-op would optimize one of these facilities.
 - "Truman graduates should be...creative, socially responsible leaders."
 - By allowing students to take the initiative of advancing the future of the University in the above stated ways, students will have the opportunity to become creative, socially responsible leaders.
- Student Senate supports the SPAC documents through Resolution 071.012 Endorsing the SPAC Documents
- According to a survey conducted through Truview at the end of the Spring '07 semester [528 respondents]:
 - 83% of survey respondents think that the University should support the student-initiated bike workshop and bike loaning services by providing an on-campus location and assuming costs of space, electricity, and water.

- 87% of survey respondents want to make cycling a larger part of their life.
- 71% of survey respondents are interested in learning bike maintenance.
- 83% of survey respondents stated that the location of the bike shop would play a significant role in its use.
- 83% of survey respondents stated that the most preferred choices on campus are inner campus & outer campus.
- 62% of survey respondents stated that in the past year they have need bike parts or maintenance assistance that could not be supplied in or near Kirksville.
- 86% of survey respondents responded that they would use a free (with membership) bike shop for mechanic assistance and to buy parts.
- Arete, Student Senate’s Vision Document, states that:
 - “Students should be given a bigger stake in decision making in their own choices and in institutional choices.”
 - The overwhelming student opinion has been in favor of a bike shop on campus, as demonstrated through campus-wide collaboration in the Bike Co-op coordination, a campus-wide survey, letters of support, petition signatures, and participation in current mobile workshops. The students have made their decision but a space has not been approved.
 - “...more must be done to strengthen the bonds between Truman students and community members.”
 - Having a service like a bike workshop where community members will feel welcome will have direct and indirect benefits for the community. Not only will community members come to campus to learn how to fix their bikes, but by giving students greater access to biking, it will encourage students to go into the community as well, creating a stronger bond between Truman students and the community.
- The Bike Co-op workshop has support from: Student Activities Board, Environmental Campus Organization, the Mountain Biking Club, the Health and Exercise Science Department, the Student Recreational Center, the International Club, the Environmental Studies Minor committee, Students in Free Enterprise, Residential Living, and the Residential Hall Association; and
- Student organizations that already have space on campus include: Women’s Resource Center, organizations under SOCC, SAB, Student Senate, Dobson Radio, KTRM, the Index, and RHA; and
- Students commonly complain about the lack of parking on campus. By having a workshop that would aid the students in maintaining their bikes, thus decreasing the use of automobiles; and
- Decreasing the use of automobiles on campus would reduce the environmental impact of automobile emissions on campus, help mitigate our dependency on foreign oil, and create healthier modes of transportation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

- Student Government believes that the Bike Co-op is of the highest priority of the Student Body in the future allocation of space at the University and calls upon President Dixon, the Board of Governors, Dean of Student Affairs Lou Ann Gilchrist, Provost Garry Gordon, Campus Planner Mark Schultz, Project Manager Lori Shook, Budget Director Dave Rector, and

Physical Plant Director Karl Schneider to ensure that this allocation is made for the benefit of the Student Body.

THEREFORE BE IT DIRECTED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

- Treats this among the highest priority of the student government and offers all necessary support to the Bike Co-op to ensure they receive the space they need; and
- Budgets \$3000 to transition space to this need; and
- Deliver this resolution to President Dixon, the Board of Governors, Dean of Student Affairs Lou Ann Gilchrist, Provost Garry Gordon, Campus Planner Mark Schultz, Project Manager Lori Shook, Budget Director Dave Rector, Physical Plant Director Karl Schneider, Dean of Multicultural Affairs Bertha Thomas, and the Index.

**Passed October 7, 2007
By a Vote of 14-0-0**

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