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Facilities & Services

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Amy Liu, Chair
Student Sustainability Committee

June 2, 2014

RE: Campus Bike Center funding – schedule change request

Hello Amy,

The Student Sustainability Committee (SSC) is a foundational change agent for bicycle encouragement at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Through the SSC's support of the FY11 Bike Sharing Feasibility Study, the FY14 Bicycle Education Campaign, and the FY09-FY14 Campus Bike Center, bicycle ridership has increased 33% for students from 2007 to 2011, and pilot bike sharing is starting soon for employees and students.

The Campus Bike Center began with a contribution from SSC for creation of the space in the Natural Resources Garage Building in 2010. After four years, it has become a well-respected educational and community resource, with more than 2,000 visits from July to September 2013. Unfortunately, with the current financial model, it is not yet self-supporting. To resolve the future funding needs, we are investigating numerous options, most notably a recurring allocation from campus administration, a donor supported funding model, and the potential for a student fee. The recurring allocation from the campus administration is currently being evaluated among many campus priorities. However, the Campus Bike Center remains a high priority for the student body, the bicycling advocates, and the sustainability mode-shift efforts for campus.

The current funding ends on June 30, 2014. There is a formal budget request from Facilities & Services, an Illinois Student Senate resolution strongly supporting this effort, and a letter of support forthcoming from the Academic Senate Committee on Campus Operations in support of the funding. In addition to the formal budgeting process, The Bike Project of Urbana-Champaign is being asked to increase their funding level to \$15,000/year, and we are gathering as much financial support as possible, including requests to potential supporting departments, such as the Dean of Students, Public Safety, and the College of Engineering.

With these efforts in mind, I humbly request two changes for funding that SSC has previously committed in support of the Campus Bike Center.

1. There is \$2,224.50 remaining of the funding allocation for the "Campus Bike Project" from FY13. I am requesting permission from the SSC to use these funds during FY15, for staff and student employee costs. This is not a change in scope, just a schedule change to permit FY15 use of funds.
2. The current funding allocation for the "Campus Bicycle Shop" in FY14 included specific items for the funding in support of the Bike Center. I am requesting permission to use any remaining funds from this year's allocation during FY15, for staff and student employee costs.

Please consider this request before the end of June, if possible. Thank you very much for your past and future support of sustainability efforts on this campus!

Sincerely,

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