

Notes from discussion about bike registration fee

Sarthak presented pros and cons for adding a registration fee

Morgan asked the committee for opinions and feedback regarding the proposed registration fee

Bill Sullivan said: from the faculty perspective \$10 is an incredibly reasonable one-time fee. He wanted to ask the student opinion.

Kimmy said: don't think it would reduce the number of people who are registering their bikes. she noted that understanding the benefits is an important aspect – such as increasing potential for recovering the bike, plans for improving the bike paths and programs, push notices, and such

Stacey said: so everyone knows, the bike code requires registration for everyone

Natalie said: \$10 fee wouldn't make a difference to me, with all the fees and costs when signing up for school another \$10 isn't a big deal

Kara: UIPD does tabling events, and they would really like to have a card to help explain the registration info, so they can hand it out at their events.

Brent: it can be a little difficult to register a bike, getting the model and serial number, etc. it could be better to put signs on the bike racks explaining the registration. He agrees the fee is reasonable. Stacey asked if he would let us put up signs, and he said not everywhere, but ARC would probably be okay with info on signs in a few key places like at housing.

Shannon: Urbana residents would probably not want to pay the registration fee, especially those in underserved groups. Morgan noted that this registration fee would be for campus registrations, and that Urbana could offer registrations for no cost. We agreed that it needed clarification.

Lindsey Braun said: I'm supportive of the goals – registration. But cost can be a barrier of entry, and that's something to make sure we consider. It is good to offer benefits like the U-lock idea

<<Ray Benekohal said something, at some point, but I didn't catch it. I just wrote own his name.>>

After the meeting, Sarthak and I talked with Chantelle, from Bike at Illinois: she said: another obstacle would be that several students think "oh, it won't happen to me" . We need to convince them to do it. make sure they are well aware of the benefits they get by paying the registration fee.

Chantelle then stated: "I think the fee is a good idea, but there should be some type of benefits that seem worthwhile to the students. And because this wouldn't be a hidden fee, we are going to have to create an incentive list of activities and services offered."

After the meeting Abby Culloton sent Sarthak an email with her comments on the Bike Registration Fee topic. She said, "From a student perspective, I know that bike theft is one of the main concerns that many students have with bringing their bikes to campus, so I think having a national registration system that helps to prevent bike theft would certainly increase the number of students who bring their bikes to campus. My only concern with the registration program, like a few others in the call mentioned, is that it would be difficult to enforce and there's no real way to ensure that everyone does it, but I do

believe that many students will register for the program, especially knowing that the \$10 fee goes towards helping other bicycle resources and programs on campus.”

Some students spoke to Sarthak after tabling events (like Quad Day 2019, Grad Student Welcome Orientation, and one or two other events). They were skeptical about the effectiveness of a registration program, since it is (currently) free. They said that they don’t know if the campus would do anything about their bikes (if stolen), since it is free. Some of them said that it is one of the reasons why they did not register their bicycles. The biggest reason for not registering was that most of them did not know about registration.