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**A Resolution in Support of a Bike-Sharing Program for Miami University**

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**Whereas:** Students have shown much more support for a stationed bike sharing model, but this type of program incurs higher risk and cost

**Whereas:** The lower cost and risk rental program is also supported but Student Senate feels that it would do little to promote a “bike culture” at Miami University

**Whereas:** An increase in “bike culture” on campus through a bike sharing program could decrease the automobile traffic on campus streets and parking lots. This would also help produce an environment of healthier lifestyle choices

**Whereas:** There is the **POTENTIAL** to reallocate an estimated \$6 of the transportation fee to help subsidize some of the yearly cost of a bike sharing program. This would roughly generate \$90,000 a year

**Whereas:** A stationed bike sharing program would increase the possibility of a “park and ride” system that could help alleviate some of the parking strain on campus

**Whereas:** There has been an ongoing and ever increasing interest of adopting a bike-sharing program in Oxford for Miami students and community members

**Whereas:** The City of Oxford and Miami University are evaluating their current transportation offerings

**Whereas:** Miami University and the Oxford City Council have approved and created bike lanes on select streets on campus and in surrounding Oxford

**Whereas:** Bike sharing offers the opportunity to choose a more sustainable and accessible mode of transportation as compared to riding the BCRTA or driving a personal vehicle

**Whereas:** SCRC (Student Community Relation Commission) and Oxford City Council have shown their support for a potential bike sharing program in Oxford

**Whereas:** Departments such as University Admissions could utilize such a program in their recruitment of potential students

**Whereas:** A bike-sharing program would add intangible “it factors” to Miami University for students, community members, and visitors

**Whereas:** Developers and local businesses could utilize this program to attract future customers

**Whereas:** The University’s dedicated LEAN committee for the 2015-2016 academic year is currently working on recommendations for more than one bike sharing model, including rental and stationed programs

**Whereas:** A resolution supporting a bike-sharing program was passed April 8, 2014 and the resolution was reaffirmed on March 1, 2015

**Therefore be it resolved:** Student Senate re-affirms support for the idea of a bike-sharing program for Miami University, primarily a stationed model

**Further be it resolved:** Student Senate recommends two separate requests for proposals (RFPs) for both a stationed model and a rental model.

**Further be it resolved:** Student Senate recommends the reallocation of a small portion of the transportation fee to a bike-sharing program.

**Further be it resolved:** As per a phased implementation, safety and awareness programs are recommended to be started in the fall semester of the 2016-2017 academic year.