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A Resolution to Support a Bike Registration Campaign for Students at The Ohio State University

Braden Poe (for himself, Kurt Shaffer, and Dan Marchese) introduced the following resolution; which was referred to the Steering Committee.

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Whereas the Undergraduate Student Government represents all undergraduate students at The Ohio State University, and

Whereas bicycles are an integral form of transportation for roughly 7,200 OSU students,¹ and their use is supported by a multitude of university and City of Columbus initiatives,^{2,3,4} and

Whereas bicycle theft is one of the leading crimes and types of theft on campus,⁵ and the City of Columbus offers a free “Bug Your Bike” program to ensure safe retrieval of stolen bicycles,⁶ and

Whereas the bicyclist community at The Ohio State University could benefit from decreased crime after a bike registration campaign, and

Whereas Northwestern University holds a yearly bike registration campaign on their campus,⁷ and

Whereas Penn State University,⁸ University of Dayton,⁹ University of Texas,¹⁰ and Stanford University¹¹ go one step further than an optional campaign by requiring student owned bicycles to be registered;

Therefore Let it Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government and The Ohio State University partner with the City of Columbus Department of Public Safety to hold a bike registration event on the Columbus campus to “bug” bicycles and ensure increased rates of retrieval in future cases of theft, and

¹ <http://thelantern.com/2013/10/improper-bike-parking-ohio-states-campus-can-cost-riders/>

² <http://thelantern.com/2011/11/citys-first-bike-shelter-on-campus/>

³ <http://thelantern.com/2013/03/ohio-state-spends-62k-on-103-bike-racks/>

⁴ <http://thelantern.com/2015/12/protected-bike-lanes-open-along-summit-avenue/>

⁵ <https://dps.osu.edu/daily-crime-log>

⁶ <https://columbus.gov/BugYourBike/>

⁷ <http://www.cityofevanston.org/events/2015/10/pedal-bright/>

⁸ <http://transportation.psu.edu/bicycle>

⁹ https://www.udayton.edu/publicsafety/parking/bicycle_registration.php

¹⁰ <http://www.utexas.edu/parking/bike/registration.html>


¹¹ http://transportation.stanford.edu/alt_transportation/BikingAtStanford.shtml#bikereg

35 **Let it Further Be Resolved** that bicycle registration forms are made available at the front desk
36 of every campus dorm building as well as in the Off Campus and Student Commuter Campus
37 offices, and
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39 **Let it Further Be Resolved** that the Undergraduate Student Government commends the hard
40 work of Health and Safety Deputy Director, Sunder Sai, for identifying the issue of on-campus
41 bike registration and completing thorough research essential to the drafting of this resolution.
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