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MANDATE

Maynooth Bike Scheme

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Student Senate notes:

1. Fitness is important:

With a growing obesity problem in Ireland, it is clear fitness must be encouraged and that it is currently not getting enough attention. Maynooth Students' Union ("MSU") must take an active stance against this growing obesity problem.

2. Environmentally Friendly alternatives:

With concern for global warming deservedly on the rise, and a clear lack of car park space in Maynooth, alternative modes of transport must be offered to students and a rentable bike scheme is a clean mode of transport.

Student Senate believes:

Maynooth Students' ought to establish a bike rental scheme with two stations being set up, one being located on North Campus and one being located on South Campus. Each station should contain ten bikes and follow the price scheme as set out below accepting debit/visa as payment.

Time	30 Minutes	1 Hour	2 Hours	3 Hours	4 Hours
Rate	Free	0.50c	€1.50	€3.50	€6.50

- After 4 hours every additional hour costs €4
- A weekly pass costing €6 should also be made available to students

Student Senate further believes:

That the scheme will start off quite small looking to encourage fitness and environmentally friendly ways of getting around Maynooth. The University have struggled to solve the ongoing traffic problem in Maynooth, and this scheme will help solve it. If successful, the scheme should progress throughout the years gaining more bikes and more stations which will give students more alternative options to driving. The bikes will also allow commuters and students living on campus alike to commute around Maynooth more conveniently.

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Student Senate acknowledges:

That the initial cost of these bikes is quite high and that it may be wise for MSU to liaise with JCDecaux with a view to gaining a charitable donation of 20 bikes and establishing two stations on campus. For this scheme to work effectively, the bikes ought to follow the Copenhagen method and all bikes ought to be sponsored by a company. The money gained from a sponsorship deal would cover the costs of repair and other difficulties the bikes might entail. This method has worked in many European cities and has lowered the overall cost of the bikes. Prior to the sponsorship of the Copenhagen method there were recorded losses of €365,000 but the method completely eradicated this cost and actually led to a profit of €2.25 million in cities such as Dublin.

Student Senate therefore mandates:

The VP Student Life works towards the introduction of a rentable bike scheme in accordance with this motion and works to ensure the scheme is carried out effectively. Specifically, that the VP Student Life endeavours to ensure that twenty bikes and two stations are introduced in the first year of the scheme.

Student Senate further mandates:

That the VP Student Life provides regular monthly updates to the Student Life Caucus in relation to the status of this project.