



**SR #23/24-05: Calling for the Reintroduction of the T-Bird Bikes Initiative**

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WHEREAS: The T-Bird Bikes initiative, which provided students with sustainable and easily accessible rental bikes on the campus of Southern Utah University, was discontinued around 2020, thereby depriving students of this eco-friendly and cheap commuting option;

WHEREAS: Many students (with particular struggles among students of international origin) face difficulties in accessing affordable transportation options, and the availability of rental bikes could significantly alleviate these issues;

WHEREAS: The current lack of convenient transportation options hinders student mobility, particularly given the distance to essential stores and the time-consuming nature of existing public transportation options like the Cedar Area Transportation Service (CATS);

WHEREAS: The Southern Utah University Student Senate recognizes the importance of promoting sustainable transportation methods and addressing the commuting challenges faced by students and others living far from campus; and

WHEREAS: The reintroduction of T-Bird Bikes is a feasible solution to address environmental concerns, reduce carbon emissions, and promote a greener campus environment while being an affordable option for students to get to school;

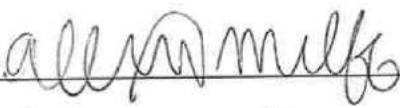
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION THAT:

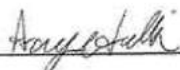
1. Section 1: The SUUSA Senate affirms its stance on the reintroduction of the T-Bird Bikes initiative at Southern Utah University to benefit students and the university community.
2. Section 2: The SUUSA Senate offers to help in collaborating on such a project and help administration explore other options to bring back a cheap, eco-friendly commuting option to campus.
3. Section 3: The SUUSA Senate urges SUU administration to explore funding options and partnerships to ensure the cost-effective and efficient operation of the T-Bird Bikes initiative, emphasizing its role in addressing students' transportation needs;
4. Section 4: The reintroduction of T-Bird Bikes should include the development of an updated, user-friendly mobile application for bike reservations, drop-off, and pick-up locations. It could also include a maintenance program to teach students bike repair and maintenance skills.
5. Section 5: The sustainability aspect of T-Bird Bikes, contributing to a greener campus environment, shall be promoted as a bonus feature, aligning with the university's commitment to environmental responsibility.
6. The Senate Parliamentarian and Senate Assistant shall be in charge of ensuring

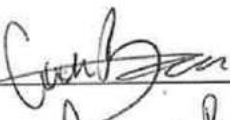
that a copy/or copies of this resolution be addressed and sent to:

- a. James Sage, Associate Provost;
- b. Jared Tippets, Vice President of Student Affairs

Votes in favor: 11 Votes in opposition: 0 Votes in abstention: 0

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Alexis McIff  
Vice President of Academics

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Sage Bellish  
Parliamentarian of the Senate

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Carson Brown  
Student Body President