Student Activity Fee Committee
Meeting Minutes
460 University Center
February 21, 2014

In attendance: Rebecca Stout, Chair and Andrew Whyte, Vice Chair. Voting student members: Camryn Bradley, Lanier Henson, Tyler Lewis, Timothy Smith and Osato Uzamere. Non-student voting members: Amanda Antara and Darryl Holloman. Alternate voting student member: Josephine Exantus and Loren Johnson. Ex officio: Latisha Benoit & Shantavia Reid-Stroud.


The Student Activity Fee Committee met on February 21, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in 460 University Center and took the following actions:

I. Approval of Minutes

Lanier Henson moved to approve the minutes. This motion was seconded by Tyler Lewis. With no objections the minutes were approved.

II. Q&A Session – University Wide Fee Council

The following student organizations appeared before the University-Wide Fee Council (see attachment 1): National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Student Veterans Association, Omicron Delta Kappa, Circle K International, Phi Beta Sigma, Lambda Theta Alpha, Hands on Atlanta, Campus PALS, University Speakers Association, Lambda Theta Phi and Lambda Upsilon Lambda.

The following student organizations did not appear for their Q&A session: Wishmakers on Campus and Panthers Allure.

The following student organizations did not sign-up for a Q&A session: Habitat for Humanity, Panther Breakaway, Progressive Student Alliance and Colleges Against Cancer (late).

The following student organization scheduled a Q&A session but was unable to participate: Rialto Student Ambassadors.

The following student organization chose not to reschedule their Q&A session from the original date (02/14/2014): Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority.

Tyler Lewis moved not to accept the late budget proposal from Colleges Against Cancer. This motion was seconded by Tim Smith, and passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6  No: 0  Abstain: 1

III. Q&A Session - Sustainability Initiatives Fee Council

The following student organizations appeared before the Sustainability Initiatives Fee Council (see attachment 2): Panther Bikes, Tree Campus and Sustainable Energy Tribe.

Panther Bikes submitted additional supporting documentation to the committee per the instructions of Dr. Stout (see attachment 3).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.
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2:10– National Society of Collegiate Scholars

2:20– Student Veterans Association

2:30– Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK)

2:40– Circle K International

2:50– Wishmakers on Campus (DID NOT APPEAR)

3:00– Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. (Pi Alpha)

BREAK

3:20– Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc.

3:30– Hands on Atlanta

3:50– Campus P.A.L.S.

4:00– University Speakers Association

4:10– Rialto Student Ambassadors (CANCELLED)

4:20– Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc.

4:50– Panthers Allure (DID NOT APPEAR)
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Note: The following organizations applied for funding but did not sign-up for a Q&A session.

Habitat for Humanity
Panther Breakaway
Progressive Student Alliance
Colleges Against Cancer (late)

Note: The following organization did not reschedule their Q&A session from last Friday, February 14, 2014.

Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority

Note: The following organization scheduled a Q&A session on the original date but was unable to participate in the Q&A session for today.

Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity Inc.
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5:00 – Panther Bikes
5:10 – Tree Campus Georgia State University
5:20 – Sustainable Energy Tribe
Goals for GSU Bike Plan

Main goals:

1) Increasing bicycle access to GSU
2) Facilities for bikers on GSU campus (signage, showers, bike repair)
3) Integration of BikeShare into campus
4) Culture Change (PR, Confident Cycling Courses, and addressing perceived safety and security)

Bike lanes on Piedmont (extensions to ball park?)
More bike racks on campus
BikeShare
Showering Facilities
Repair Facilities and staff ($10 a semester to Panther Bikes with free repairs, volunteer repair people from Panther Bikes)
Target Silver Status for Bicycle Friendly Campus from League of American Bicyclists

Work with Plan Overlap

-City of Atlanta
-GSU Master Plan
-Beltline
-Central Atlanta Progress

In the past from Beth Jones to John Steward: empty storefront space for bike shop (friendly rent)
Police Station interested in bike shop
Confident Cycling Course in Fall 2014 (with Michael’s FLC Class participating)

Those from GSU who should be on board:

Facilities:
Ramesh Vankamudi (Mike and Jenni will contact)
Russ Seagren (Mike and Jenni will contact)
Housing:
Larry Upoff (Jenni, Mike, and Laurene are arranging a meeting)
Mike talk to Jerry Rackcliffe about Master Plan and coordinating

Auxillary Services:
-Michael Sprosten (Mike will contact)
-Head of Auxillary Services (Mike will find out who this is)

Additional People from the Rec Center:
Allan Wilbanks and Melissa Buchheit (Associate Director for Programs)
Sustainability Initiatives Fee Council
Student Activity Fee Funding for Fiscal Year 2015

The Student Activity Fee Committee (SAFC) has released the Sustainability Initiatives Fee Council Budget Request Form and instructions for the Fiscal Year 2015 (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015) and the Student Activity Fee Overview document, which lists restrictions placed on the expenditure of fee funds.

This allocation process applies only to the allocation of Student Activity Fee funds assigned to the Sustainability Initiatives Fee Councils, which fund chartered student organizations and services not served by other Fee Councils handling other programming categories. This is not the process used by the various colleges to allocate funds to chartered student organizations whose mission or membership is closely related to their degree programs i.e., Chemistry Club, History Society, Social Work Club, etc. Please visit your college Dean’s Office for further information about their funding process. This process is also not associated with other fees for Athletics, Transportation, Health, Recreation, International Education, and the Student Center. If you are unsure as to which funding process applies to your organization, please direct all questions to Shantavia Reid-Stroud, Business Manager III, at 404.413.1522 (email: sreid@gsu.edu) or Latisha Benoit, Accountant II, at 404.413.1707 (email: lbenoit@gsu.edu). Shantavia and Latisha are located in the Office of the Dean of Students (Suite 300 Student Center).

To assist those applying for funding, there will be a Pre-Proposal workshop on Friday, January 24, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. in 460 University Center. This workshop will explain the process in detail for applying for Student Activity Fee funding and provide guidance in completing the application. Attendance is not mandatory, but will be helpful.

Please do not change the format of the request form, as the committees need to be able to locate data quickly among all the forms they review.

Applications must be submitted by Friday, February 7, 2014, at 5:15pm to the Office of the Dean of Students, Suite 300 Student Center. Late applications will not be accepted.
STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE BUDGET REQUEST
Sustainability Initiatives Fee Council
Chartered Student Organizations Form
FY 2015 (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015)

Application Must Be Typed

NAME OF CHARTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATION/DEPARTMENT
Panther Bikes

TOTAL REQUEST FOR FY 2015 $ Click here to enter text.

GSU ACCOUNT NUMBER OR SPEEDTYPE (If an existing account) Click here to enter text.

STUDENT OFFICER SIGNATURE _______________ DATE ____________

STUDENT OFFICER NAME Michael Lunney. TITLE President, Panther Bikes.

STUDENT OFFICER’S PHONE 678-440-7092
   GSU EMAIL m贡献力量@student.gsu.edu

FACULTY/STAFF ADVISOR’S SIGNATURE
DATE ______________

FACULTY/STAFF ADVISOR’S NAME John Steward

FACULTY/STAFF ADVISOR’S PHONE (404) 413-1137
   GSU EMAIL jsteward@gsu.edu

OFFICIAL CONTACT GSU EMAIL ADDRESS m贡献力量@student.gsu.edu

NUMBER OF YEARS YOUR ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN CHARTERED 2

1. Attach a one-page description of your student organization, including information about its purpose, number of members, current budget, services provided to students, dues or revenue collected, and funding received from outside sources.

2. Attach a one-page description of how your organization has expended its SA Fee funding for fiscal year 2014 (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014).

3. On page 2 of this application, type a narrative summary of your financial request for fiscal year 2015 (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015). Explain the programs or services you wish to provide to students of Georgia State University and include the number of students you anticipate will participate in the activities.

4. On page three of this application, list the subtotals for each category of spending requested for fiscal year 2015. Please ensure that the subtotals and grand total match the narrative summary of your request on page 2. Completion of page three is required to be considered for funding.
Narrative

Under non-event printing, Panther Bikes has requested $300; this money will be used for promoting Panther Bikes with information placed on bikes around GSU’s campus to recruit members who may otherwise be unaware of our organization. In terms of non-programming food, we are requesting $500 to help pay for snacks/beverages at monthly meetings and recruitment meetings. With 9 monthly meetings and 2 recruitment meetings, this works out to about $45 per meeting, which is a conservative estimate, given the 150 students who have expressed interest in our organization. So we are requesting $800 total for non-programming items.

Under promotional items, Panther Bikes requests $600 for shirts and decals. Given the estimate of $20 per fitted shirt and $3 per customized decal, this will allow us to create enough shirts to give to the organization’s officers, as well as students who serve as representatives for Panther Bikes at outside events, while having some left over to offer to Panther Bikes’ members at a discounted price. These funds will also allow us to create customized Panther Bikes decals to help promote our organization and its mission.

$400 is requested for event printing. There are several bike- and transportation-related events that take place in the Atlanta area throughout the year in which Panther Bikes will be interested in participating. These funds will allow the organization to print promotional flyers to post on campus and encourage members and non-members to attend.

This coming year, Panther Bikes plans to collaborate with the GSU College of Law and School of Public Health to host a summit on Bicycling as a Viable Means of Transportation in Atlanta. For this, we will be coordinating with various Atlanta cycling organizations to host a keynote speaker and other events. Resources to make this a success will undoubtedly change the future of bicycling on campus at Georgia State University, but possibly Atlanta as a city. Panther Bikes expects to contribute $1000 towards an honorarium and $2250 for lodging and travel expenses for the speaker. Adding $2000 towards event expenses and auxiliary activities gives a total Panther Bikes’ contribution of $5250 for this summit.

In addition to this large event, Panther Bikes wishes to expand its Share Bike program in collaboration with Touch the Earth. We are asking for $3000 to purchase new bikes that would serve University Housing. We would also like to use $4000 to improve bicycle parking on campus, with new racks installed in lacking areas downtown and the construction of two covered bike storage facilities adjacent to our dormitories in order to store Share Bikes as well as promote students using their own bikes on campus by giving them a safe place to store them. Lastly, for programming equipment, Panther Bikes would like another $1000 for repair equipment, tools, locks, bike lights, and helmets to properly care for these new investments and keep our students safe while riding. Combining this $8000 with the summit expenses adds to total requested programming funding of $14,250 for Panther Bikes for FY 2015.

Finally, Panther Bikes has been offered to share Touch the Earth’s bicycle repair shop and we request $10,000 for one student assistant FTE to staff this position. Our total funding request comes to $25,850. We appreciate your time and consideration in giving us the resources necessary in order to accomplish our goals.
### Non-Programming Services

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<td>Bike Summit T-shirts</td>
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<td>New bicycles to expand share bikes to GSU housing; additional bike racks including covered storage sheds, supplies for repairs, tools, locks, safety lights, and helmets</td>
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### OFF CAMPUS STUDENT TRAVEL:

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**OTHER:** (Please include details in financial request summary)

Total Other: $0

**GRAND TOTAL:** $25,850
Panther Bikes is a relatively new student organization, now in its second chartered year. Formerly known as GSU Bikes, (which was not a chartered organization) the organization promotes cycling on campus through many different types of activities. “Day in the Rec” at the GSU Recreation Center, a collaboration with Touch the Earth, was an opportunity to provide education to students about properly bike locking technique, provide maps of bike racks on campus, and allow them to get minor tune-ups from a professional bike mechanic. The Student Assistant FTE would work on managing and operating a “bike shop” located within TTE. In addition, Panther Bikes has collaborated with the Sustainable Energy Tribe to work on bicycle advocacy and planning on the Georgia State Campus. We seek to increase bicycle- and pedestrian-safety around Georgia State University through developing policy and processes around the university that will encourage sustainability, low-resource living, and active transportation. Panther Bikes encourages students to consider using their bicycle, rather than automobile, for transportation. As of now, we have 22 members in OrgSync, roughly 143 persons on our distribution list, and about 150 “likes” on our Facebook page. We have no member dues or fees. We have met throughout the year both internally and with Touch the Earth and the Sustainable Energy Tribe; our collaboration is culminating with the three organizations joining together to purchase 15 new “Share Bikes” to replace the 4 aging ones to reinvigorate the campus bicycle-borrowing program hosted by Touch the Earth that has been very successful over the past 3 years. We have coordinated with the Sustainable Energy Tribe and Touch the Earth to gain commitments from them and thus increased the scope of the program and the number of bikes that will be included in the bike sharing. The purchase of new bikes will occur by the end of February to be rolled out for spring. We plan expend the remainder of our funds for this year during GSU Earth Week, which is planned for April. We will have information about bicycling, bike sharing, bike safety giveaways, and prizes to promote bicycling. Next year, the additional bikes would be used to provide bicycles at University Housing locations like the Commons and Piedmont North.

In addition to this program, we are submitting multiple research projects to the GSU IRB that plan to continue our investigation into transit mode, building on the several years’ worth of bicycle ridership data that we already have through our biannual bike census data that we have collected on and around campus.
MEMO

TO: Michael Black, GSU Office of Sustainability

FROM: Karen Johnston (College of Law) and John Steward (School of Public Health)

SUBJECT: Proposal for a Summit at GSU in Fall 2014 - Sustainable Transport and Urban Form: Bicycling as a Viable Means of Transportation in Atlanta

This proposal is being submitted as an idea developed at the GSU Sustainability Workshop held in January.

Overview of the Summit

The summit will be a half-day event exploring sustainable urban transport in Atlanta and the role of urban universities. The summit will primarily focus on bicycling as a means of transportation in the Atlanta region and will include local and national experts discussing the critical importance of bicycling to the future vitality of the Atlanta region and health of its citizens. Panelists will discuss bicycle programs employed in U.S. and European cities, the challenges and opportunities Atlanta faces in implementing similar programs, and the role of urban universities. Local speakers will focus on campus projects at GSU, Georgia Tech and Emory University; citywide projects currently underway for bicycle-sharing programs, and; data collection systems regarding bicycling routes, trips, and miles traveled to be used by Atlanta’s decision makers for alternative transportation plans and investments. Finally, speakers will discuss the importance of urban design and land use strategies in creating more sustainable and bicycle-friendly cities.

Bicycling in Atlanta

Bicycling provides an alternative mode of transportation for people to commute, which is an important issue in Atlanta since the region adds thousands of new people and automobiles to its already congested interstates and arterial streets each year. The recent ice storm clearly illustrated why it is imprudent and dangerous for a metropolitan region of 5 million people to rely so heavily on one mode of transportation.

In general, bicycle use means fewer cars on the roadway (i.e. less congestion), improved air quality,\(^1\) less noise and energy needs, and fewer parking problems. Bicycling also provides

\(^1\) In the late 1990s, because of Atlanta's persistent classification as a non-attainment area under the Clean Air Act, the federal government cut approximately ninety percent of Atlanta's federal funding for transportation projects.\(^1\) This drastic reduction in vital federal funding has severely handicapped Atlanta's ability to finance new, large-scale transportation projects.
important public health benefits by encouraging exercise and active transport. Cities across the country, including Chicago, Portland and New York City, have made substantial strides over last several years in making bicycling a feasible means of transport throughout urban and suburban nodes. For example, Chicago has incorporated bicycle-only lanes in its downtown corridor, bicycle parking stations complete with showers and lockers, and bus racks on all metropolitan buses. Research and bicycle feasibility studies have shown that even the smallest changes can make huge differences in people’s perceptions toward bicycling as a viable means of transport. Bus racks on buses, for example, have been shown to encourage bicycling, as have certain urban design strategies such as increased street lighting and corridor connections. Moreover, bicycle integration with public transit systems is an important component of successful urban bicycle programs. Many trips are not feasible solely by bicycle, either because of distance, safe and accessible routes (such as bike-only lanes or sidewalks), and the like. Even if part of a commute could be made by bicycle, and the other part of a trip made by public transit, this alternative is still more preferable to a single-occupancy vehicle trip in terms of air pollution, congestion and noise.

Currently, Atlanta has several bicycle advocacy groups that have made significant strides in transforming the city into a bicycle-friendly environment. One of the most active groups in Atlanta has been the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition (ABC), a non-profit seeking to make it safer, easier, and more attractive to bicycle for fun, fitness, and transportation in Atlanta. ABC is currently working on a citywide bicycle-sharing program, similar to those programs found in Paris, New York City and Chicago, and recently released a bicycle prototype. Furthermore, ABC has worked closely with City of Atlanta Councilmember Kwanza Hall to introduce legislation approving the bicycle-sharing program in the City of Atlanta. The legislation enables the City of Atlanta to contract with the bicycle sharing program to provide bikes throughout the city. The legislation is currently being discussed in committee.

Located in heavily congested areas, metro Atlanta’s three major universities – GSU, Emory, and Georgia Tech – are critical partners in advancing sustainable transport around the city. Each institution has made major investments to improve the safety of biking around campus and encourage participation. Furthermore, each university boasts an active bike club.

Finally, Cycle Atlanta has started a data gathering phone app that allows bicyclists to record their bike trips using GPS on their smartphones. The data is collected and provided to decision makers to help them better understand the routes bicyclists like to take in the city, routes that are avoided, and the number of bicycle commuting miles.

If bicycling is to be successful in Atlanta, however, many improvements need to be made to the city’s infrastructure, public transit system and the city’s urban form. This symposium will provide a forum to have these discussions and explore the role of urban universities and their bike clubs.
Possible Partners for the Summit

- **Atlanta Bike Coalition**
  - Mission: To create a healthier, more sustainable Atlanta by making it safer, easier, and more attractive to bicycle for fun, fitness, and transportation

- **Atlanta Beltline**
  - The Atlanta Beltline is a $2.8 billion redevelopment project for the City of Atlanta that envisions a network of public parks, multi-use trails and transit along a 22-mile former railroad corridor circling the City of Atlanta and connecting approximately 45 neighborhoods. The Beltline project epitomizes sustainable transportation as it creates a more comprehensive network of transportation alternatives, like light rail and trams, that connect communities and create a more accessible Atlanta.

- **Cycle Atlanta**
  - Created an app for smartphones that uses GPS to track routes bicyclists prefer in the city; the thought is that someday this data could be used to prioritize certain streets and routes and perhaps put in some “bicycle only” lanes

- **Midtown Alliance** (instrumental in helping get bike lanes on 12/14 street)

- **Panther Bikes at GSU and the Office of Sustainability**

- **Georgia Tech School of City and Regional Planning and Bike Georgia Tech**

- **Emory University and Bike Emory**

- **City of Atlanta Transportation**

- **Central Atlanta Progress**

Possible Speakers

- **John Pucher** (Rutgers University)
  - *See Biography below*

- **Heather Alhadeff** (Perkins + Will; Atlanta Bicycle Coalition; driving force behind the bike share program) or **Michael Fowler** (Georgia Tech; on the Executive Board of Atlanta Bicycle Coalition)

- **Tom Welch** (Professor, Land Use and Transportation at Georgia Tech) or **Michael Elliott** (Professor, Environmental Policy classes at Georgia Tech and avid cyclist).

- **Representative from Atlanta Beltline** (possibly **Ryan Gravel**, Beltline creator and on the Executive Board of Atlanta Bicycle Coalition)

- **City of Atlanta**:
  - **Josh Mellow**, Assistant Director of Transportation Planning
  - **Stosh Kozlowski**, Urban Planner, Office of Planning Transportation Division
Councilmember Kwanza Hall (recently sponsored legislation at City Council authorizing City of Atlanta to contract with Atlanta Bicycle Coalition for a citywide bike share program)

- MARTA representative (on integrating bicycling and public transit; John Pucher speaks about this extensively in his papers)
- Representative from Cycle Atlanta
- Central Atlanta Progress: Angie Laurie, Vice President of Transportation or Jennifer Ball, Vice President of Planning and Economic Development
- Jamie Smith, Director for Business Practice Improvement at Emory University, Director and Founder of Emory’s award winning Bike Emory Program
- Perhaps someone more familiar with urban design (perhaps a representative from “Complete Streets” or similar

John Pucher

John Pucher is a professor in the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University (New Brunswick, New Jersey). Since earning a Ph.D. at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1978, Pucher has conducted research on a wide range of topics in transport economics and finance, including numerous projects for the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Canadian government, and various European ministries of transport. For almost three decades, he has examined differences in travel behavior, transport systems, and transport policies in Europe, Canada, and the USA.

Over the past twelve years, Pucher's research has focused on walking and bicycling. His international comparative analysis has included Australia, Canada, the USA, Germany, the Netherlands, Denmark and several other European countries. The main objective is to determine what American, Canadian, and Australian cities could learn from each other and from European cities to improve the safety, convenience, and feasibility of these non-motorized modes. He has published 25 articles and book chapters on walking and cycling and given over 60 featured talks, keynote addresses, and conference talks on this subject. From 2008 to 2010, he is directing a major research project for the U.S. Department of Transportation examining bicycling trends and policies in large American cities.

Pucher has been increasingly interested in the public health implications of urban transport. In particular, he has emphasized the need for Americans to increase their walking and cycling for daily transportation as the best way to ensure adequate levels of physical exercise and enhance overall public health. From 2005 to 2006, Pucher spent his sabbatical as a visiting professor at the University of Sydney's Institute of Transport Studies directing a research project that examined differences between Canada, Australia, and the USA in their travel behavior, transport systems and policies, and the impacts of transport on public health. Now that he is back at Rutgers, Pucher is working with Australian, Canadian, and European colleagues to pursue this increasingly important research on public health impacts of transport.