



SB #23/24-02: Providing Recycling Funding for Move-In Week

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Be it enacted in accordance with the provisions found in the SUUSA Constitution (SUU Policy 11.1) (IV) (D) (11) concerning the proposal of budgetary allocations during the Summer Semester:

1. Section 1: Purpose:

- a. This bill aims to establish funding for a temporary on-campus recycling program specifically targeting the waste generated during the move-in week at Southern Utah University. The purpose of this legislation and its allocation is to also promote environmental sustainability, reduce waste, and encourage responsible waste disposal practices among the student body. The authority for enacting this bill stems from SUUSA's commitment to enhancing the campus community's ecological consciousness and fostering a greener campus environment.

2. Section 2: SUUSA finds the following:

- a. During on campus move-ins students have very limited access to recycling. Large amount of excess waste is produced during this time and subsequently the on-campus trash dumpsters are overflowing from throwing away plastics, paper, aluminum, and especially cardboard.
- b. There have been previous attempts to introduce recycling to SUU Housing, but multiple problems have been found. This includes the

regular intermixing of recyclable and non-recyclable materials in waste streams. This also includes the addition of beverage bottles and cans that still contain liquid that would contaminate other recyclable materials, rendering such materials useless.

3. *Section 3: Action(s) and implementation:*

- a. Action 1: To help reduce the amount of waste produced from on campus move-ins (Founders Hall, Eccles and Cedar Halls), the private company, Recyclops, will provide a U-Haul that will be placed in a determined location for the duration of move-in week. This will be provided for students to deposit their recyclable cardboard.
- b. Action 2: Once move-ins have ended, Recyclops will ship the recyclable cardboard to a recycling and processing center in St. George. This project will be established with the arrangement of SUU Housing, Recyclops, and SUUSA Senator Om Mehta.
- c. Action 3: The location will be placed on SUU housing property and be accessible for all on campus students when moving in. The cost to rent and ship the U-Haul will cost a total of \$900. With the large influx of students moving into campus of around 1300 students moving in within a few days, the expected amount of waste would total in around 3 tons.
- d. Action 4: \$900 shall be appropriated for the purposes of the above stated project which shall be spent in accordance with the above provisions.
- e. Action 5: Information shall be collected to provide insight into the impact(s) of this project. Furthering this, once the project is complete, there shall be a report on its implementation and impact.


4. *Section 4: Miscellaneous definition(s) for the purposes of this legislation:*

- a. "Recyclops" shall mean Recyclops, Inc.

5. *Section 5: Miscellaneous details:*

- a. The U-Haul will be placed on SUU Housing property starting on August 21st, 2023. It is then expected to be shipped to the recycling and processing center on or by the 30th.
- b. For the purposes of this project, SUUSA Senator Om Mehta shall have the authority to assign additional voluntary SUUSA members to assist with this project during its duration.
- c. The specific location of the U-Haul shall be determined by the relevant parties mentioned in above Section 2.


Signing for budgetary allocation in accordance with (SUU Policy 11.1) (IV) (D) (11):

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