Policy Number:
2013-XX

Title:
Bike Share System Expansion

Summary: Supports the expansion of the City of Vancouver’s public bike share system to the UBC Vancouver campus, and directs the VP External Affairs to advocate for the AMS Bike Co-op and Bike Kitchen to be the organization on campus responsible for maintaining the system.

WHEREAS the Vancouver City Council approved on July 23rd, 2013 to enter into an agreement with Alta Bicycle Share Inc. to be the owner and operator of the City of Vancouver’s public bike share system; and

WHEREAS bike share systems increase transit usage in urban areas, improving connectivity to other modes of transit, while decreasing personal vehicle usage in the process; and

WHEREAS similar bike share systems in Canada, including the Bixi program in Montreal, have been attributed to saving millions of tons of greenhouses emissions from vehicle usage;

WHEREAS cycling in general is a major contributor in improving public health; and

WHEREAS the proposed system is currently not envisioned to include the University of British Columbia within its service area;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMS support an expansion of the City of Vancouver’s bike share program at the UBC Point Grey campus;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the AMS advocate for the AMS Bike Co-Op and the Bike Kitchen to be the sole organization on campus responsible for the maintenance of the bicycle fleet;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT should such a system be implemented, that the AMS advocate for appropriate training and resources to be provided the AMS Bike Co-op and Bike Kitchen to help maintain the bicycle fleet and that there be adequate recognition and advertising that the system is supported by both the AMS and the AMS Bike Co-op.