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BILL #4619
ADDITION OF SORTING BIN IN [SPOONS] ALLISON HALL

SPONSORED BY: External Affairs Committee

WRITTEN BY: Senator Dominique Ashe, Warner College of Natural Resources

COLLABORATED WITH:

ENDORSED BY: Warner College of Natural Resources Council; Edward Kendall, Speaker Pro Tempore, Senator Thomas Eftink, Walter Scott Jr. College of Engineering, Senator Bree Kinglsey, Warner College of Natural Resources Associate Senator Matt Edrich, Warner College of Natural Resources, Associate Senator Baylor Shubert, Warner College of Natural Resources, Associate Senator Gina McCrackin, Warner College of Natural Resources; ASCSU Department of Environmental Affairs;

ABSTRACT: To increase waste diversion capacity at Spoons in the Allison resident hall by bringing an additional sorting bin with a visual aid board, that aids students to properly compost/recycle.

WHEREAS

CSU has a mission to be sustainable! Proper waste management (recycling and composting) is a part of this goal; to reduce the amount of landfill space we use as well as the Green House Gases input we contribute. Currently, CSU has one of the best waste management diversion rates in the nation, roughly 60%, but is pushing further to become a zero waste campus; and,

WHEREAS

CSU brought waste sorting bins in every dining hall through a Housing & Dining Services Sustainability Fund in 2016. One sorting bin can be found in every dining hall due to this fund, which looks for innovative ideas to pursue on campus. This bill adds an *addition* sorting bin to one of the resident halls, Allison, where the much loved restaurant Spoons resides, to further increase the capacity of waste diversion; and,

WHEREAS

This sorting bin consists of three designated sections: Landfill, Recycling and Composting. Currently there is a similar bin in Spoons, but the singular bin cannot hold all the waste that people who frequent the restaurant make, especially during peak operation hours. Spoons,

currently has to use extra trash bins to diffuse the load of leftovers. From biodegradable cutlery to excess food, the amount of waste that is not being diverted due to this lack of capacity is hindering CSU's carbon foot, zero waste, and other sustainability goals; and,

WHEREAS

In the 2016 waste audit done by CSU's Housing and Dining Department, 41% of the items found in the trash stream of resident halls Parmelee/Corbett could have been composted and another 15% could have been recycled. This missed opportunity of waste diversion from the landfills can be attributed to two causes:

- (1) The capacity on campus is lacking for the amount of waste our school produces.
- (2) There is a disconnect in knowledge and understanding of proper waste diversion among students/ staff.

and;

WHEREAS

This sorting bin addresses both of these concerns as it enables the personnel at Spoons and students passing through Allison Hall to increase their positive environmental impacts by reducing landfill waste and Green House Gases. It further educates "users" as to where frequently discarded items should be sorted via a visual aid board. This visual aid board is situated atop of the bins and allows space for real items to be displayed, to avoid confusion as with stickers, diagrams or lists; and,

WHEREAS

The money that funded the pilot program bins through the Sustainability Fund will not pay for this additional bin, as it is an *extension of a pre-established project rather than a novel one*. This sorting bin will be serving the thousands of students eating at Spoons, living in Allison hall and students frequenting the computer labs in the building; so,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

That ASCSU give the resources of \$2,900 from its 2016/2017 discretionary budget to fund an additional sorting bin in Allison hall/Spoons to encourage the sustainability that CSU prides itself with; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That any remaining funds granted by this bill shall be returned to the ASCSU Senate Discretionary fund; and,

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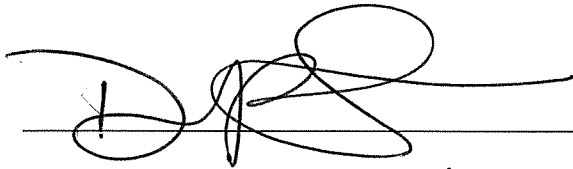
That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to: Dr. Anthony Frank, President of CSU; Jim Dolak, Executive Director of CSU Housing and Dining; Daniella Pineda-Soracá, ASCSU President; Michael Wells, ASCSU Director of Finance; Josh Silva, ASCSU Controller; Mike Lensky, ASCSU Vice President; Edward Kendell, ASCSU Speaker Pro Tempore; Zachary Vaishampayan, ASCSU Parliamentarian;

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