

A resolution supporting the increased efficiency of recycling on campus at Wayne State University

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WHEREAS, The current quantity of recycling bins in a number of Wayne State University facilities including, but not limited to, the Student Center, the Undergraduate Library, State Hall, Science Hall, Kresge Library, General Lectures, Shapiro Hall, Old Main, and Manoogian is lower than it should be; **AND**

WHEREAS, The current 4:1 ratio of trash bins to recycling bins in such buildings is unbalanced;¹ **AND**

WHEREAS, A number of recycling bins in such buildings are placed in an inaccessible manner which makes it harder for students to recycle;² **AND**

WHEREAS, Most recycling bins in such buildings are not properly labeled as single stream and are not built in a way that is conducive to single stream recycling, which deters students, faculty, and staff from recycling; **AND**

WHEREAS, The Wayne State University Student Senate understands that there are many benefits to supporting a recycling initiative on campus, such as enabling students to decrease their carbon footprint, create less waste, and upcycle more; **AND**

WHEREAS, Wayne State University should set an example for the City of Detroit by embracing our responsibility to recycle;³ **AND**

WHEREAS, Wayne State University organizations and committees such as The President's Standing Committee on Environmental Initiatives, Office of Campus Sustainability, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Detroit Biodiversity Network, and Terra Nova support this resolution.

¹ Data collected by the Student Senate Facilities Project Group through on-site surveys.

² Lack of recycling bins near entrances and exits.

³ https://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-wmrpd-recycling-measurementupdate_553223_7.pdf

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wayne State University Student Senate calls for the University to increase the quantity of recycling bins in high-traffic facilities on campus; **AND**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wayne State University Student Senate urges the University to distribute the recycling bins in a manner that reduces the ratio of trash bins to recycling bins in such facilities from 4:1 to 2:1; **AND**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wayne State University Student Senate calls on the University to distribute the recycling bins in such facilities in locations that are more accessible to students, faculty, and staff; preferably adjacent to the trash bins in the common areas in such facilities; **AND**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wayne State University Student Senate calls on the University to change the structure and labeling of said recycling bins in a manner that better evokes their single stream utility; **AND**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wayne State University Student Senate calls for the University to adhere to the original three-year timeframe proposed in the 2017-2022 Sustainability Strategic Plan for increasing the number of recycling bins on campus.⁴

AND FINALLY BE IT ORDERED, that the Wayne State University Student Senate will circulate this resolution to all relevant outlets, including the University President, the University Provost, the members of the Board of Governors, and the President of the Wayne State University Academic Senate.

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⁴ https://livinggreen.wayne.edu/academic/sustainability_strategic_plan_2017_1.pdf