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77LCB05 Waste Reduction Extension

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A Bill to Extend the Waste Reduction Bill

Bill History

In the spring of 2008, the bill 68LCB12 – “Waste Reduction Events” was passed to address waste reduction for student groups, cost centers, and other events funded by student fees. The bill mandated that such events shall be zero waste, using either reusable or compostable products. To ensure that student groups and cost centers do not bear any additional costs for zero waste events, \$35,000 was earmarked from SOR funding for two years, at \$17,500 a year. The cost of compostable products has decreased since that time, making an earmark of \$14,000 sufficient for fiscal year 2013.

Bill Summary

This bill extends SOR earmark funding for compostable products for fiscal year 2013, during which time more permanent legislation will be written to either fund compostable products long term or invest in reusable service wear.

Whereas, in the spring of 2010, CUSG passed a bill mandating that all cost center operations achieve zero waste by 2015, defined as 90% diversion of waste from landfills,

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1: This bill mandates that all events funded by student fees, including, but not limited to, cost centers and student groups, must either use (1) Re-usable china and flatware or (2) Compostable service ware.

- 1) These items include, but are not limited to, plates, mugs, silverware, and glasses.
- 2) The only exception is if an alternative product is unavailable to UMC Catering.

Section 2: In the event an event is held outside the UMC, the default choice for dishes is compostable flatware.

Section 3: This bill earmarks \$14,000 from SOR for additional expenses related to the use of compostable service ware. The additional cost of compostable use shall not affect student fees or student groups in the cost of their events. This SOR earmark shall expire one year from its passage.

- 1) The Waste Reduction Cost sheet shall be used by UMC Catering to determine the increased cost to student groups and cost centers for their reduced waste event. This sheet shall be an addition to the Event Planning packets given to student groups in helping plan their events.
- 2) This sheet shall be submitted to the Student Organizations Finance Office
 - a. SOFO shall use this sheet in determining the increased cost of the event.
 - b. This increased cost shall be taken from the SOR earmark by SOFO.
- 3) The increased costs covered by the SOR earmark include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Increased labor costs
 - b. Increased material costs
 - c. Increased costs of more frequent compost hauls
- 4) Money not used in this earmark shall remain in the SOR account.

Section 4: Events held in the UMC with less than 50 people shall have a default choice of reusable china and flatware, though that choice is not limited to events under 50 people.

Section 5: The UMC Event Staff will be responsible for scraping excess food from the china plates into compostable containers.

Section 6: UMC Catering and Events shall enforce this action to ensure the compliance of student groups and cost centers in implementing the standard set by this bill.

Section 7: The CUSG Sustainability Director shall be responsible for ensuring compliance by groups with this bill and for addressing any changes or difficulties raised by other members of CUSG.

Section 8: This bill shall take effect upon passage by the Legislative Council and upon either obtaining the signatures of two Tri-Executives or the lapse of six days without actions by the Tri-Executives.

Vote Count

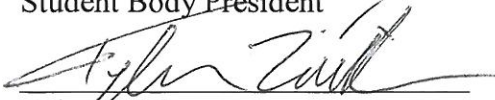
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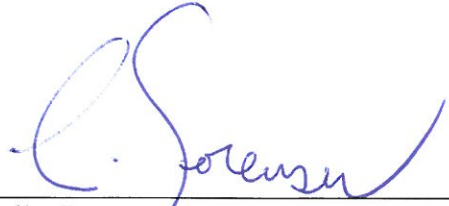
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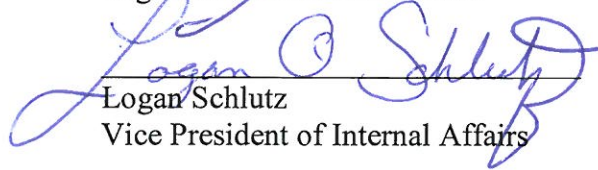
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Waste Reduction Cost Sheet

Name of Event: _____

Group Name: _____

Event Date and Time: _____

Event Location: _____

Costs from UMC Catering: _____

Additional Waste Reduction Costs (Subtracted from SOR Earmark): _____

Approval by Authorized Student Group Signer

Date

Approval by UMC Catering

Date

Approval by SOFO Director

Date