REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee:
Physical Plant Planning Committee

Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:

There are several reasons why the PPPC urges adoption of the Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan:

1) Other university bodies have approved the plan;
2) Physical changes to the campus necessitate a new policy regarding bicycle use;
3) Interested parties have spent nearly two years devising a plan, ensuring that it reflects a broad consensus.

Several campus stakeholders have devoted almost two years to writing a Comprehensive Bike and Pedestrian Plan. They have consulted with all segments of the university community and proposed a plan that promotes bike use but is also cognizant of pedestrian safety. There is a general sense among the biking community that the university can and should do more to promote biking. The plan contains a variety of recommendations, including designating the central campus mall area as a walk-only zone at certain times of day and increasing the number of bike racks as demand dictates.

The recent changes to the campus environment make this an appropriate time to review this issue. Passing a bike plan is also consistent with the university’s sustainability commitments.

University staff and the Student Senate have already approved the plan.

Points Discussed by Committee:

1) The Committee highlighted the need for the plan to contain more specific language regarding the intersection at Roosevelt and Park and the need to accommodate bikes in this location. Clarifying language will be added to the plan.
2) The Committee recognized the many hours that stakeholders have invested in drafting and revising this plan. It is a well-considered plan that creates an institutional structure for implementing its main components, and it has the backing of students and staff members.

Pros of Recommendation:

1) There is currently inadequate infrastructure for bikes on campus. This can create overcrowding at bike racks. This plan can help relieve some of these problems.
2) Most campus members are unfamiliar with the rules regarding bike use on campus. Adopting a comprehensive policy that would establish clear rules, add bike parking, and create a committee to oversee the implementation of the plan is an improvement over the status quo.
Cons of Recommendation:

1) Enacting the plan would likely require some additional commitment of financial resources over what is currently planned.
2) Adopting the plan would require some behavioral change on the part of campus members and some additional attention from Campus Police to enforce it.

Technology/Human Resource Impact:

The plan to limit bicycle riding on the Central Campus Mall at certain times of days will not rely on the University Police for enforcement. Rather, the goal is to bring about a cultural shift in which the campus community will effectively establish and enforce new norms of bicycle behavior.

Committee Recommendation:

Adopt the Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

A link to the plan can be found here: http://www.uwec.edu/Parking/Bicycles/upload/Comp_bicycle_planDRAFT4_29_14.pdf
MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The University Senate Committee:

by a vote of _9___ for to ___0___ against on __October 29, 2014_____________ (Date)

Recommends that

The University Senate approve the Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

Implementation Date: December 2014

Signed: _______________________________________

Chair of the Committee

Send to: University Senate Office