

Board of Trustees Meeting



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ETC Music Suite



SGA

Campus Innovation Proposal: Renovation of Bike Shed, Converting Roofs into Campus Spaces, Exercise equipment check out program, and an outdoor exercise trail

38th STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Proposed by:

Abdul-Rakeem Yakubu, Student Body President

Isaiah Hamilton, Junior Senator

Bike Shed Renovation: President Yakubu

Currently, students are allowed to bring their own bikes onto campus which can be stored in the bike shed in between Hill House and the PEC or the bike racks in front of Hunt Residence Hall. Many of these bikes, however, have been stored on campus for extended periods of time from past students forgetting and leaving their bikes, and take up usable space for current students. SGA proposes to launch a bike registration program for students to help filter the old and current bikes on campus while providing the security staff and students a clear way to log which specific bikes are currently on campus. In the event a bike is stolen, students and security are able to provide the bike's serial number to the authorities with ease.

We also propose to move the bikes located in the bike shed to the bike racks beneath Hunt or another feasible location in hopes of renovating the bike shed into an outdoor learning space that can be used by both students and teachers. The outdoor space will have benches and potentially whiteboards for students to work outside and for classes to have a productive outside learning environment. The renovation would involve relocating the bike and bike racks, getting rid of the fence around the walls of the shed, leveling of the ground with sand and flat rocks, installment of electrical outlets near the shed for students to charge their devices, and installment of string lights and speakers for outdoor entertainment.

In this space, students can also utilize the landscaping area for more gardens, sustainability projects, or just more free space to relax. During the winter, heat lamps can be installed in the roofs to provide warmth for students and to encourage people to continue using it.

This project could be funded from a combination of ASG grants and Student Life funds. Labor could be obtained from current students and Student Government members to help complete the project in a reasonable amount of time.

Rooftop Common Spaces: President Yakubu

In the first Reynolds hallway, there are a few low height roofs; outside of the first Beall CC apartment, in between Reynolds D and E, and on the left side of first Beall. Many students have expressed interest in turning these roofs in student common spaces or outdoor classrooms. Other student organizations could further their sustainability efforts with rooftop gardens or solar energy equipment. Classes can utilize the space to have class outside, hold ecological experiments, etc. The three proposed roofs are not too far off the ground have a sturdy structure which ensures there is not a major safety concern for students.

Fitness Equipment Check Out Program: Senator Hamilton

After recent discussions with both the student body and Mr. Jarvis, there have been many concerns expressed over the lack of fitness opportunities on campus during the weekends. To address these issues my mind first went to PEC hours of operation. I immediately ran into difficulty when speaking to Mr. Jarvis as liability and CC budgeting became a factor. In order to accommodate for such factors, Mr. Jarvis and I believed it would serve beneficial for students to have access to exercise equipment throughout the week. We spoke of placing a locker around the perimeter of the PEC in which students could sign out equipment to use during hours the facility may be closed, or when no other physical activities are offered. Both the student government and a potential ASG grant may enable us to purchase such equipment. Furthermore, such equipment may be bought over the course of several years, or trimesters, which frees up budgeting for more paramount initiatives.

Desired Equipment:

1. Sports balls
 - a. Basketballs
 - b. Footballs
 - c. Soccer balls
 - d. Baseballs
 - e. Tennis balls
 - f. Volleyball
 - g. Frisbees
2. Jump ropes
3. Rackets
4. Resistance bands
5. Agility ladders

Outdoor Exercise Trail: Senator Hamilton

To build upon the alternative fitness solutions, students have shown irritation with a lack of physical activity on campus. Alongside the proposal of a sign out program for sports equipment, the idea of an outdoor exercise trail has been brought to my attention. Similar to the off-campus nature trail or a

wellness center, an exercise trail could stimulate more physical training. This trail could be placed anywhere on campus due to the fact that it does not necessarily have to be a symmetrical path or track. A feasible location, however, could be the lot adjacent to the ETC that is across the road. Along the trail, we could provide work out stations and benches. This could be extremely cost efficient as the stations would be very low maintenance. The trail could serve as an alternative to the indoor PEC facility.

Looking outwardly, I believe that this field, if the trail is located on it, can be utilized for much more. Placing the trail along the border of the field, then incorporating alcoves along it, will leave space for the workout stations that I have mentioned. I envision an entire “SG Outdoor Wellness Park” which includes playground equipment, a small scale skating park, as well as a sustainability garden.

Using another potential grant from ASG as well as student life or operations, materials for construction and equipment may be accessible. Students alongside facilities could serve as a workforce for the entirety of the center or trail. Once again, it is more than reasonable to believe that the final product can be achieved over the course of several seasons, if not years. Theoretically, the park could even be open to the public to promote community involvement.