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Water Bottle Refill Stations Resolution

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- Observing** that there is no easy way to fill reusable water bottles with filtered water in the Wright Campus Center, Abell Library, Idea Center, and Mason Complex,
- Noting with regret** that approximately 168,000 disposable water bottles are used by Austin College students per year as determined by the 2013 student survey,
- Having seen** that the Student Sustainability Fund (SSF) Committee suggests that the installation of water bottle refill stations in these four buildings would be an effective use of SSF monies,
- Recognizing** that over 80% of Austin College students currently use the existing water bottle fill stations in the residence halls as determined by the 2013 student survey, and that these four buildings were voted by students as the top four locations for additional water fillers,
- Be it resolved** the Student Assembly approves that SSF purchase four (4) surface mount units (Elkay model LZWSSM) at the cost of \$780 per unit with a \$3,000 total installation cost and four (4) plaques at \$40.00 per plaque resulting in a total of \$6,280.
- Note 1:** This proposal will be carried out through the Student Sustainability Fund for the funding, Physical Plant for the installation and maintenance, and Aramark Housekeeping for sanitation.
- Note 2:** Units will be installed during the summer of 2015 with the expectation that they will be ready for use during fall semester of 2015.
- Note 3:** Expected impact include the reduction of the amount of disposable plastic water bottles and the reduction of money students spend on purchasing disposable water bottles. Furthermore, this incentivizes environmentally responsible behavior of students.
- Note 4:** The commitment to student greening will be permanently recognized through implementation of this proposal by an included green ticker on each station which counts the number of plastic water bottles that have been saved by the usage of the refill station
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