Faculty Senate Routing Form
(action/proposal attached)

I. Item Title: _Resolution Allowing Longboarding on Campus_

   a) Brief Description: The resolution calls for allowing students to ride longboards on campus citing that skates and bikes are allowed as means of transportation on campus. Because they are different from skateboards, the property damage that the administration worries would be caused by skateboarding would be impossible with a longboard.

   b) Initiated by: SGA and FAC

II. Faculty Senate Action: □ approved □ not approved □ other date: 2/2/2011

   Comments:

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   FS Secretary signature: Laura Wright date: 2/28/2011

III. Provost: □ for information □ Recognition of receipt
   □ for action.................□ approved □ not approved

   Comments:

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   Person responsible for Implementation: Sam Muller

   Provost signature: ___________________________ date: 3.31.11

IV. Chancellor: □ for information □ Recognition of receipt
   □ for action.................□ approved □ not approved

   Comments: See Attached

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   Chancellor signature: ___________________________ date: 4.26.11

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Chancellor
Provost
Chair of Faculty Senate
I have consulted with University Police and reviewed Article 9 of the Parking-Traffic Rules and Regulations and, therefore, do not support this resolution. However, University Police is willing to have a conversation about possibly designating areas for longboarding on campus. SGA needs to follow up with the police if they are interested in discussing this further.
Article 9 of Parking-Traffic Rules and Regulations

ARTICLE IX: MOPEDS, SKATEBOARDS, ROLLER BLADES, ROLLER SKATES, AND BICYCLES

Mopeds and bicycles are to be parked in a manner so as not to obstruct the movement of pedestrians or interfere with the operation of mechanical or safety devices. However, if a moped uses a space reserved for motorcycles or automobiles, it must be registered and displaying a parking permit.

In case of theft and for the owner's protection, the Police Department will register the mopeds and bicycles free of charge.

The use of skateboards, roller blades, or roller skates upon the streets and sidewalks of campus is prohibited.
Senate Resolution___

Presented to the Senate floor on: 10/25

Authored by: T. Douglas Bridges
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Introduced by: T. Douglas Bridges

Committee Referred to:

AN SGA Senate Resolution in support of: Amending current campus policy concerning longboarding

Background: Skateboarding is currently not allowed as a form of transportation at WCU due to the possible damages to property through grinding, however due to the structure and purpose of a longboard these possible damages are not physically possible. Longboarding is defined as a skateboard meant for speedboarding, transportation, slalom, carving, sliding, boardwalking, racing of any other kind. longboards are not necessarily longer than freestyle skateboards. there are longboards from 22" to 103" and probably outside of that range as well. a typical longboard is 44" long, 9.5" wide with a 28" wheelbase, has 70X45mm 80a wheels, is bent upward (camber) and is flexible with a 5 ply maple deck with fiberglass cloth epoxied onto the deck under the griptape, has a rear kicktail but no nose, has 180mm reverse-kingpin trucks with soft that bushings that allow a 7" turning radius

Whereas, biking and roller skates are both currently acceptable forms of transportation and,

Whereas, longboarding serves some students as a means of transportation and,

Whereas, longboarding is not specifically banned by the University and,

Whereas, oversight will be taken into consideration, and violators of policy will be held responsible to the University in a hearing and,

Whereas, skaters must be responsible in consideration of pedestrians and vehicular traffic. Reckless operation, whereby the rider upholds no concern for the safety of others, constitutes a violation of acceptable skateboard use. Those who continue to violate such policy will be deemed liable to policy enforcement in which actions by the university will be taken including, fines, and/or the board being temporarily confiscated for possible use in a University hearing. These violations will be deemed the same as those for skateboarding infringements.

Therefore Be It Resolved That SGA is in favor of: Amending current policy concerning skateboarding so that longboarding be deemed an acceptable form of transportation

Vote: In Favor: ___  Names:

Opposed: __  Names:

Abstentions: ___  Names:

Finance: Appropriation: