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## Senate Resolution Number SP21 SR002

### A Resolution to Fund the Pioneer Express for the 2021-22 School Year

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Firstly, the Associated Students of Lewis & Clark (hereafter ASLC) would like to recognize and thank the administration for their labor in running the College and supporting its students during such unprecedented times.

Due to Covid-19, the College has incurred a 30 percent increase in the cost to run the Pioneer Express Shuttle Service. Because the CAS budget for the 2021-22 academic year has already been finalized, the Vice President of Student Life would be unable to adequately cover this increase in cost, which, if nothing were done, would lead to a significant decrease in the hours of service of the Pio. As such, the VP of Student Life has requested that ASLC aid in the funding of the Pio in order to do the following:

- Avoid reducing the hours of operation of the Pio Express;
- Allow a return to pre-covid routes and service hours;
- Increase the areas served by the Pio Express to include new routes popular to students;
- Launch a ridership and interest study to better capture where students are interested in traveling to;
- Utilize data to make decisions that will help maximize the budget dollars allocated to the Shuttle; find efficiencies that will reduce costs and increase sustainability;
- Develop programming that will improve students' transportation literacy to assist them in moving about the City more efficiently.

While this money comes directly from the student fee, which is not usually used for this purpose, we believe that using it in this way will have a great impact on the day-to-day lives of students. Therefore, be it enacted that the ASLC, in the hopes of preserving the undergraduate experience and access to transportation, donate \$100,000 from the ASLC 4300 account to the Division of Student Life to be used in support of the goals listed above.

ASLC would like to work closely with Robin Holmes-Sullivan, VPSL, in her efforts to improve the efficacy and accessibility of transportation to students. We would like to collaborate with the VPSL in the creation of a joint task force addressing this work.

We also hope that a small portion of this money will be used to inform the student body of ASLC's work to provide funding to the Pio, possibly in the form of stickers on the bus or something of that nature.

Furthermore, the ASLC advocates for a discussion surrounding the Student Fee. Our hope is that this discussion will provide mutual clarification about what the Student Fee is responsible for funding and what responsibilities fall to the College for funding. ASLC hopes to create a

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committee or task force in conjunction with the VPSL to facilitate discussions surrounding Student Fee usage, and looks forward to working with Student Life on this issue.

ASLC also stipulates that any funds not used for the purposes outlined above by the Vice President of Student Life by the end of the 2021-22 academic year will be returned to the ASLC 4300 account.

This document shall be submitted to the Vice President of Student Life Robin Holmes-Sullivan, the Pioneer Log, the CAS student body, Assistant Dean of Student Engagement Rocky Campbell, the Department of Transportation and Parking.

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