UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF THE CLEAN COMMUTE INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, in the beginning of the semester close to 200 faculty and staff members at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire signed the "Clean Commute Initiative;" and

WHEREAS, the signees have pledged to use alternative, environmentally friendly ways of transportation such as biking, rollerblading, walking, carpooling, and public transportation as much as possible when going to and from the university. Furthermore, the initiative includes the recommendation to add bike lockers and more bike racks, format the bus system to be more user friendly, cooperate with members of the community to increase environmentally friendly transportation, and provide incentives for students to not bring a car to campus; and

WHEREAS, part of the Chancellor’s strategic plan includes the proposal to “significantly reduce automobile traffic” and to “provide alternative forms of transportation,” as seen in Attachment “A;” and

WHEREAS, the Student Senate unanimously passed Resolution 51-R-11, Recognition of UW-Eau Claire’s Participation in the
President's Climate Commitment which coincides with the Clean Commute Initiative;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the 51st session of the Student Senate endorses the Clean Commute Initiative, and applauds the organizers and planners of this initiative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Senate supports uses of alternative transportation and encourages students to use it if possible; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage President Raymond French transmit copies of this resolution to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Steven Tallant, Provost/Vice Chancellor; Andrew Soll, Vice Chancellor, Business & Student Services; Dr. Kimberly Barrett, Associate Vice Chancellor, Student Development & Diversity; Dr. Marty Wood, Chair, University Senate; Charles Major, Director, Housing & Residence Life; Dr. Robert Eierman, Professor, Chemistry Department; Dr. Doug Faulkner, Associate Professor, Geography/Anthropology Department; Dr. Crispin Pierce, Program Director, Environmental Public Health Program; Dr. Paul Kaldjian, Associate Professor, Geography/Anthropology Department; and Jesse Dixon, Acting Associate Dean of Student Development, Student Development & Diversity.

Submitted by:
Adam Sorelle, On-Campus Senator
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ACTION STRATEGIES

Ensure that the new building and remodeling projects, such as the upcoming work on the Davies Center, enhance sustainability;

Sustain current and develop additional green spaces, including the greening of Garfield Avenue: highlight the river, create a park, and significantly reduce automobile traffic;

Ensure that the campus reduces, reuses and recycles;

Install clean energy sources;

Build on the strong campus connection with Eau Claire transit and partner with other community efforts to provide alternative forms of transportation, e.g., bicycle garages and locker facilities for bicycle riders;

Work with vendors contracting with the university to ensure environmentally and locally friendly practices. For instance, Portland State University’s food contract with Sodexho details sustainability requirements such as the use of local and organic foods.

Expand the farmer’s market for UW-Eau Claire.