WHEREAS, UWEC currently uses 6,000 trays every day in the cafeterias; and

WHEREAS, trays require washing after each use; and

WHEREAS, 396,000 gallons of water are used each year for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, becoming a trayless campus would decrease the amount of detergents, solid waste, and grease washed down the drain improving the local community water supply; and

WHEREAS, an average of 550 pounds of food are wasted each day on campus; and

WHEREAS, trayless dining decreases food waste by encouraging students to only take the amount of food they can carry; and

WHEREAS, trayless dining would have a positive impact on student health by discouraging overeating; and

WHEREAS, becoming a trayless campus would align with the campus’ “Green Initiative;” and

WHEREAS, becoming a trayless campus would be a progressive step within the UW-system and the Eau Claire community; and
WHEREAS, this initiative is supported by the Food Services Director Christian Wise;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Life & Diversity Commission's Environmental Affairs Committee requests that Sodexho expands the Trayless Tuesday Program to both Tuesday and Wednesday, in order to have effective data to determine whether or not it is beneficial to expand to a completely trayless university; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Life and Diversity Commission be charged with coordinating with Sodexho to come before the 52nd Session of the Student Senate before the session has expired with a report detailing our dollars, water, and food that was either saved or not saved due to Trayless Tuesdays and Wednesdays; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage President Tim Lauer transmit copies of this resolution to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Marty Wood, Interim Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. V. Thomas Dock, Acting Vice Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; Christian Wise, Director, Food Service; Katie Troyer, RHA President; Dr. Crispin Pierce, Professor and Advisor to the Conservationists organization; Dr. Joseph Hupy, Professor and Advisor to the Foodlums organization; and Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Associate Dean of Students, Dean of Students Office.