UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF CREATING THE UW-SYSTEM PRESIDENT’S
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABILITY

WHEREAS, the students of UW-Eau Claire care about sustainability and the environmental impact that the University has; and

WHEREAS, this was most notably demonstrated in the student vote to increase segregated fees to create a “Green Fund” to support sustainable and environmentally friendly projects on campus; and

WHEREAS, the UW-Eau Claire administration has demonstrated its commitment to sustainability through many notable actions, such as Chancellor Levin-Stankevich signing the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment; and

WHEREAS, UW-Eau Claire does not stand alone in its commitment to sustainability among its fellow UW System institutions; and

WHEREAS, this is evidenced by the fact that 11 of 13 comprehensive and doctoral campuses have committed to taking substantial action on sustainability by becoming signatories on
the American College and University Presidents’ Climate
Commitment or the Talloires Declaration; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous significant challenges in both
ing engineering and fiscal matters of sustainability; and

WHEREAS, these challenges can best be addressed by a
centrally coordinated group at the UW System level; and

WHEREAS, a centrally coordinated group at the UW System
level would allow for greater collaboration between campuses on
sustainability issues; and

WHEREAS, the UW System’s active commitment to
sustainability will only strengthen its individual campuses
ability to enhance their sustainability efforts;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the UW-Eau Claire Student
Senate supports the creation of the UW System President’s Ad Hoc
Committee on Sustainability as outlined in Attachment “A”; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage President Jambrek
transmit copies of this resolution to Dr. Brian Levin-
Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost/Vice
Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs;
Dave Gessner, Assistant Chancellor, Budget & Finance; Dr. Brian
Carlisle, Dean of Students; Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair,
University Senate; Dr. James Boulter, Assistant Professor,
Chemistry Department; Dr. Kate Hale-Wilson, Assistant Professor,
English Department; Dr. Kevin Reilly, President, UW System; Cynthia Graham, Senior Academic Planner, UW System; and all UW System Student Representatives.

SUBMITTED BY:
Phillip Rynish, Student Body Vice President
Benjamin Ponkratz, Environmental Endeavors Commission Director and Off-Campus Senator
Janna Caspersen, United Council Director and Off-Campus Senator
November 15, 2010
RECOMMENDED CHARGE

PAHCS is charged with the following three actions:

1. Draft a UW System sustainability vision statement that addresses educational, social and environmental sustainability issues to be presented to the President of the UW system for approval.

2. Develop a framework for the creation of a standing committee to address System-wide sustainability challenges. This framework will be forwarded to the President of the UW System with specific details as to the standing committee’s mission, methods to accomplish its mission, structure and organizational reporting line.

3. The Ad Hoc Committee will keep in mind commitments already made by the state and individual campuses within the UW System, including the Tallories Declaration, the American College and University President’s Climate Commitment and Executive Order 145.

The Ad Hoc Committee will fulfill this charge and report to the President of the UW System and the UW System Board of Regents no later than May 2011.

RECOMMENDED STRUCTURE OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE

PAHCS should have a System-wide membership that is diverse and cross-disciplinary. It should include faculty, staff and student sustainability advocates, as well as UW System staff representing specific offices that will have a major role in accomplishing the charge.

Members of PAHCS should be appointed taking the following success-oriented suggestions into consideration.

1. PAHCS should be chaired or co-chaired by member(s) of the UW System President’s Cabinet.

2. Each UW campus/college chancellor shall be encouraged to recommend one campus representative to the committee.

3. The President of the UW System shall appoint a minimum of three UW students to the committee.

4. The following UW System offices should be represented by one or more staff.
   a. Capital Planning and Budget
   b. Budget and Planning