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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE

STUDENT SENATE

CLASSIFICATION CREATING THE STUDENT OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

NUMBER 55-B-1 DATE April 25, 2011

INTRODUCED BY BENJAMIN PONKRATZ, ENVIRONMENTAL ENDEAVORS
COMMISSION DIRECTOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENDEAVORS COMMISSION AND
DYLAN JAMBREK, STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

1 WHEREAS, environmental sustainability is one of the six values of the
2 University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; and

3 WHEREAS, the creation of the “Environmental Responsibility Account” has
4 given the students a significant opportunity to positively affect sustainability at
5 UW-Eau Claire; and

6 WHEREAS, the Environmental Endeavors Commission (EEC) was
7 responsible for allocation of said Environmental Responsibility Account during
8 the 2010-2011 academic year; and

9 WHEREAS, the Student Senate approved the EEC’s first bill of \$131,642
10 funding 13 projects; and

11 WHEREAS, in the case of six of these projects, money is going directly into
12 the hands of students in the form of stipends for research, and conducting work

13 related to sustainability; and

14 WHEREAS, the model of relying on external proposals proved inflexible,
15 and created timeline situations in which proposals were considered hastily; and

16 WHEREAS, the need for process integrity, more precise criteria, and more
17 commitment arose throughout the inaugural year of the EEC; and

18 WHEREAS, these issues have been addressed in the creation of the
19 Student Office of Sustainability (SOS); and

20 WHEREAS, SOS creation will reflect an optimal logical construct for
21 campus relations and create an institution that operates autonomously in order to
22 be more proactive and thus far more effective than the EEC model; and

23 WHEREAS, the SOS will allow UW-Eau Claire students to develop strong
24 initiatives that are based on meeting an understood sustainability rubric from
25 project conception; and

26 WHEREAS, the majority of projects will be developed internally to ensure
27 projects align with international best-case practices and accountability can be
28 maintained; and

29 WHEREAS, the SOS will retain the ability to fund outside entities such as
30 student organizations, and University departments for their environmental
31 improvements; and

32 WHEREAS, the SOS will develop leadership by encouraging students to
33 become involved in project development and execution; and

34 WHEREAS, the SOS will build partnerships across campus and community
35 to engage entities such as the Conservationists, Student National Environmental
36 Association, The Foodlums, Hobnailers, Biology Club, Chemistry Club, Geology

37 Club, Energy Services Corps, the Watershed Institute, The Environmental
38 Adventure Center, The Eau Claire Foundation's Sustainability Initiatives Fund,
39 United Council's Sustainability Taskforce, and the City of Eau Claire's Green
40 Team;

41 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Environment Endeavors
42 Commission will be dissolved within one week of passage; and

43 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate adopt the Student
44 Office of Sustainability Bylaws as outlined in Attachment "A;" and

45 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President Jambrek transmit
46 a copy of this bill to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine,
47 Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; Dr.
48 Brian Carlisle, Dean of Students; Dave Gessner, Assistant Chancellor, Budget &
49 Finance; Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair, University Senate; Dr. James Boulter,
50 Associate Professor, Chemistry; Dr. Kate Hale-Wilson, Sustainability Fellow,
51 English Department; Dr. Kim Pierson, Professor, Physics and Astronomy; Dr.
52 Christina Hupy, Assistant Professor, Geography/Anthropology; Dr. Sean Hartnett,
53 Professor, Geography/Anthropology; Dr. Garry Running, Professor,
54 Geography/Anthropology; Dr. Eric Jamelske, Associate Professor, Economics;
55 Dr. Sean McAleer, Associate Professor, Philosophy/Religious Studies; Dr. James
56 Phillips, Professor, Chemistry; Christian Wise, Sodexo; Dan Langlois, Assistant
57 Director, University Recreation & Sport Facilities; Vicki Funne-Reed, Director,
58 University Recreation and Sport Facilities; and Dr. Wilson Taylor, Chair, Biology
59 Department.