WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is committed to becoming more environmentally sustainable; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Student Office of Sustainability is to spearhead the student sustainability initiative through education as well as outreach; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Student Office of Sustainability is to support the development of life-long sustainable behaviors in students by providing
waste management resources; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day was founded to promote environmentalism and conservation by Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson; and

WHEREAS, the current plans for Earth Week allow for a direct interaction between the Student Office of Sustainability and the student body, allowing for a direct connection between the money paid by students for sustainability and the opportunities these funds provide; and

WHEREAS, Earth Week is a flagship event that is the culmination of a semester’s worth of planning and organizing; and

WHEREAS, the current plans for Earth Week addresses the mission of the Student Office of Sustainability in various ways, including education through speakers and films, outreach through music and engagement, and development of sustainable lifestyles by providing sustainable personal items; and

WHEREAS, the Student Office of Sustainability funded Earth Week 2012 activities and prior to this Earth Week was not a significant event; and

WHEREAS, the SOS has partnered with Greek Life, UAC, and the City of Eau Claire to ensure this activity is an inclusive event that reaches a broad student demographic and ties in community involvement; and

WHEREAS, by a unanimous vote the allocation of these funds was approved by the Student Office of Sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the Student Office of Sustainability requires Student Senate approval for the allocation of funds greater than $6,000 from the Environmental Endeavor Fund;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate approve the
Student Office of Sustainability’s funding of $20,956.76 for the Earth Week events outlined in Attachment “A;” and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President Fish transmit a copy of this bill to Dr. Gilles Bousquet, Interim Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; Dr. Brian Carlisle, Dean of Students; Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair, University Senate; Dave Gessner, Assistant Chancellor, Budget & Finance; Mark Reeves, Director, Budget & Finance; Dr. James Boulter, Associate Professor, Chemistry Department; Dr. Christina Hupy, Associate Professor; Geography Department; Jason Anderson, Event Production Coordinator; Environmental Adventure Center (H105); and Nicole Rindone, Coordinator for Student Activities.