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

WHEREAS, Facilities Management and Planning is committed to the achieving of carbon neutrality; and

WHEREAS, Xcel Energy offers a voluntary Renewable Energy Credit purchasing program called Windsource allowing for the purchase of renewable energy resources which can further the University’s goal toward carbon neutrality; and

WHEREAS, the Student Office of Sustainability is committed to bringing
Whereas, the projected kWh usage of the new Davies Student Center is 1,107,572 kWh annually; and

Whereas, UW-System already purchases 9.93% renewable energy for UW-Eau Claire, however this percentage was supposed to increase to 20% by 2011 under Wisconsin Act 141 directing “the DOA to set goals for the use of renewable energy by the six state agencies that consume the great majority of electricity purchased by the state, the individual agency goals shall be designed to accomplish the overall goal that, by the end of 2007, 10% of the electricity purchased by the state be derived from renewable resources and, by the end of 2011, 20% be derived from renewable resources;” and

Whereas, no reports have been released by the DOA or UW-System indicating this 20% goal has been met; and

Whereas, purchasing 997,590 kWh of renewable energy credits from Windsource at $0.0137 per kWh or 90.07% of the projected energy usage of the new Davies Student Center, will allow for 100% of the building to be renewable equivalent; and

Whereas, the cost of the Windsource purchase will be added to the monthly University Center’s utility bill from Xcel Energy to be reimbursed from the Student Office of Sustainability’s Environmental Responsibility account; and

Whereas, Xcel Energy receives no profit from Windsource purchases; and

Whereas, Xcel Energy’s Windsource Program requires a one year contract; and
WHEREAS, the annual Windsorce Program contract will be evaluated and passed each year by the Student Office of Sustainability and Student Senate, adjusting for the necessary amount of RECs to purchase based on the amount purchased by UW-System and the actual kWh usage numbers of the building;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate approves the allocation of $13,666.98 from the Student Office of Sustainability’s 2012-2013 Environmental Responsibility Account for the purchase of 997.590 kWh of renewable energy credits from Xcel Energy’s Windsorce Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Senate approves entering into a one year contract with Xcel Energy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this allocation proposal is outlined in more detail 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; Michael Traynor, Buildings & Grounds, Facilities Management; Terry Classen, Director, Facilities Management; Lynn Peterson, Buildings & Grounds, Facilities Management; Dave Osborn, Manager, DOA Sustainability Program; Dr. James Boulter, Associate Professor, Chemistry Department; James Hanke, Economic Development and Community Outreach Manger, Xcel Energy; Steve Mudd, Product Manager, Windsorce, Xcel Energy; and Christopher Dierker, Market Manager, Xcel Energy.