WHEREAS, the Student Office of Sustainability promotes and increases the
visibility of University sustainability through student sustainability movement
through environmental education and outreach; and

WHEREAS, replacing old and outdated water fountains in academic
buildings throughout campus with new “EZ H20 to go!” Bottle Filling Stations
reduces the use of single use plastic water bottles; and

WHEREAS, bottles used to package water take over 1,000 years to bio-
degrade and if incinerated, they produce toxic fumes. It is estimated that over 80% of all single-use water bottles used in the U.S. simply become “litter;” and

WHEREAS, recycling is only feasible in limited circumstances because only PET bottles can be recycled. All other bottles are discarded. Only one out of five bottles are sent to the recycle bin; and

WHEREAS, U.S. landfills are overflowing with 2 million tons of discarded water bottles alone; and

WHEREAS, it takes over 1.5 million barrels of oil to meet the demand of U.S. water bottle manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that three litters of water is used to package one litter of bottled water; and

WHEREAS, the “EZ H20 to go!” Bottle Filling Stations include fill rate of 1.1 gallons per minute of chilled water, a Green Ticker that informs users of number 12 oz. bottles saved from landfills; and

WHEREAS, the Student Officer of Sustainability has funded 12 Water Bottle Filling Stations in 2010; and

WHEREAS, replacing old and outdated drinking fountains with “EZ H20 to go!” stations has sustainable outcomes that assist in the reduction of water bottles going to landfill, the reduction of water bottles discarded inappropriately, ending up in our environment, the reduction of water bottles picked up and hauled by Grounds, Custodians and by Veolia for both landfill and for recycling and the reduction of student money spent on bottled water; and

WHEREAS, each Bottle Filling Station has a counter on it that shows how many bottles were filled, thus eliminating another bottle from purchase, landfill
and associated costs for pickup and recycling; and

WHEREAS, establishing inactive sustainable infrastructure promotes sustainable lifestyles; as it becomes more convenient for students to use water bottles on campus they will become habituated to using them and use them off campus; and

WHEREAS, Water Bottle Filling Stations are a growing presence on campus and seeing more Water Bottle Filling Stations will further encourage students to purchase and use reusable bottles;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate approves the allocation of $12,500 from the Student Office of Sustainability 2012-2013 Environmental Responsibility Account for the purchase of five Water Bottle Filling Stations to be located on the 2nd, 4th and 5th floors of McIntyre Library and the 2nd and 3rd floor of Phillips Hall; 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; Jacqueline Kriesel, Accountant, Budget & Finance; Charles Farrell, Director, University Centers; Dr. James Boulter, Associate Professor, Chemistry Department; Dr. Christina Hupy, Associate Professor, Geography Department; Michael Traynor, Building & Grounds, Facilities Management; Terry
Classen, Director, Facilities Management; Christopher Hessel, Facilities Management; and Lynn Peterson, Building & Grounds, Facilities Management.