WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is committed to seeking carbon neutrality; and

WHEREAS, the Student Office of Sustainability is committed to supporting sustainable development at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; and

WHEREAS, the Student Office of Sustainability collaborated with Facilities Management and the Wisconsin State Department of Administration’s Division of Facilities Development (DFD) to develop this project; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the solar photovoltaic system project is to bring sustainable energy to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; and

WHEREAS, the solar photovoltaic system will consist of 17.5 kilowatt (KW)
fixed roof mounted panel array constructed on McIntyre Library; and

WHEREAS, the project addresses the sustainability areas of energy and climate change; and

WHEREAS, the project will be the first student-funded renewable energy project completed at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; and

WHEREAS, the energy savings generated by the solar photovoltaic system will be metered and used to offset the cost of the Davies Student Center, as Davies is also student-funded; and

WHEREAS, the Student Office of Sustainability Bylaws provide the purpose of the Commission in Section 1.01 Purpose: “…The SOS is to fund and manage sustainable projects… In addition, the SOS is to promote and increase the visibility of university sustainability…” (p. 1); and

WHEREAS, the project will be fully visible to the campus community and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Facilities Management has stated the construction process would occur between January 2015 and June 2015; and

WHEREAS, this allocation proposal is outlined in more detail in Attachment “A;”

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate approves the allocation of $159,500 from the Student Office of Sustainability’s 2013-2014 Environmental Responsibility Account to the purchase of the solar photovoltaic system; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that any unused funds be returned to the Student Office of Sustainability’s Account; and
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President Larson transmit a copy of this bill to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; Dr. Joseph Abhold, Dean of Students; Mitch Freymiller, Chair, University Senate; Dr. Martin Hanifin, Vice Chancellor, Administration & Finance; Mark Reeves, Director, Business Services; Dr. James Boulter, Director, Watershed Institute; Dr. Christina Hupy, Sustainability Fellow; Terry Classen, Director, Facilities Management; Mike Traynor, Associate Director, Facilities Management; and Lynn Peterson, Assistant Director for Operations, Facilities Management.