WHEREAS, the mission of the Student Office of Sustainability is to support and/or fund projects addressing the various sustainability areas of transportation, energy, waste, climate change, food systems, campus ecology, environmental ethics, and outreach; and

WHEREAS, the Student Office of Sustainability also supports and/or funds sustainable education, behavior change initiatives, and internships; and

WHEREAS, other factions of the campus community, such as administrative offices and individual students, pursue similar goals; and

WHEREAS, two such students are currently pursuing a Liberal Studies Capstone project addressing issues of compost signage and efficiency in the Davies Student Center; and

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is already engaged in a commercial grade compost program with Veolia Environmental Services since January, 2009; and
WHEREAS, according to a press release by the University in April 2009, nearly two tons of biodegradable waste is diverted from standard landfills each week; and

WHEREAS, this amount can be substantially increased by creating compost signage and accessibility for compost receptacles (i.e. receptacles in the Davies Student Center); and

WHEREAS, the University currently does not display signage regarding proper disposal of compost in areas where compost receptacles are located; and

WHEREAS, creating compost signage will educate University students on proper waste disposal, increase the purity of the University compost stream, and increase the amount of compost generated by students; and

WHEREAS, supporting a student-led environmental improvement to student funded infrastructure is in the best interest of the Student Office of Sustainability and the Student Senate;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire supports a student-led compost improvement initiative in cooperation with University Centers and Blugold Dining; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage a copy of this resolution be sent 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; Charles Farrell, Director, University Centers; Christian Wise, General Manager/Executive Chef, Blugold Dining; Alana Jenkins, Liberal Studies Capstone Student; and Meghan Ross, Liberal Studies Capstone Student.

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