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

WHEREAS, Facilities Management and Planning is committed to the achieving 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 renewable energy resources to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; and
WHEREAS, the 2005 Wisconsin Act 141 “set goals of 10% renewable energy for state government by 2008 and 20% by 2012,” and UW System has met this state-mandated percentage to be derived from renewable resources; and

WHEREAS, the actual kilowatt-hour (kWh) usage of the Davies Student Center is 1,644,287 kWh annually; and

WHEREAS, purchasing 1,315,430 kWh of renewable energy credits from Windsource at $0.0137 per kWh or 85% of the actual energy usage of the Davies Student Center, will allow for 85% 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 Windssource purchases; and

WHEREAS, the annual Windsource Program contract will be evaluated and passed each Fall by the Student Office of Sustainability and Student Senate; 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 $19,194 from the Student Office of Sustainability’s 2014-2015 Environmental Responsibility Account for the purchase of 1,315,430 kWh of renewable energy credits from Xcel Energy’s Windsource Program; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President Fish 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; Jim Boulter, Professor, Chemistry Department; Christina Hupy, Sustainability Fellow; Terry Classen, Director, Facilities Management; and Mike Traynor, Buildings & Grounds, Facilities Management.