UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF LEED CERTIFICATION OF THE NEW UNIVERSITY CENTER

WHEREAS, the University has made countless pledges and commitments to make the campus more sustainable; and

WHEREAS, certifying the new university centers building estimated to cost $473,000; and

WHEREAS, the new university centers building is funded by the students of UW-Eau Claire; and

WHEREAS, a survey was conducted in 2006 by Brailsford and Dunlavey to research whether students would support a renovation or new building project for the W.R. Davies Center; and

WHEREAS, that 2006 survey found that 71.9% of students supported an additional $10 segregated fee increase to go towards making the building sustainable; and

WHEREAS, more students supported the $10 fee for making the building sustainable than funding the actual building itself; and

WHEREAS, the additional funds raised by this $10 increase is kept in the general project budget; and

WHEREAS, the $10 fee for sustainability in the university centers building will total an estimated $500,000; and
WHEREAS, the cost of the certification process was assumed to come from the general project budget and not outside funding;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Student Senate supports the highest available level of LEED certification in the new university centers building; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Student Senate continues to agree the certification fees be paid for from the general project budget; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President Umhoefer transmit a copy of this resolution to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; Charles Farrell, Director, University Centers; Dave Gessner, Associate Chancellor of Budget and Finance; Michael Rindo, Executive Director, University Communications; and Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Associate Dean of Students, Dean of Students Office.

SUBMITTED BY:
Michael Umhoefer, Student Body President
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