



35 departments, the Student Office of Sustainability, and Student Senate, convened by Chancellor James  
36 Schmidt, created the UW-Eau Claire Climate Action Plan; and

37 WHEREAS, in the year 2018, the Climate Action Plan was passed through the Student  
38 Senate, Staff Council, and University Senate and signed on behalf of UW-Eau Claire by Chancellor  
39 James Schmidt; and

40 WHEREAS, the Climate Action Plan sets a goal of net carbon neutrality for UW-Eau Claire  
41 by the year 2050, a goal that mirrors carbon neutrality goals established by the State of Wisconsin,  
42 Eau Claire County, the City of Eau Claire, and the Eau Claire Area School District; and

43 WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin - Madison, Stevens Point, Oshkosh, Milwaukee,  
44 Whitewater, River Falls, and La Crosse have each constructed one or more third-party certified  
45 energy efficient buildings; and

46 WHEREAS, UW-Eau Claire has completed or is currently involved in three residence hall  
47 renovations and seven new construction projects over the past decade and none of these construction  
48 project have undergone a third-party energy efficiency certification; in short, UW-Eau Claire has not  
49 implemented construction standards required to reach the goal of carbon neutrality by 2050  
50 committed to in the Climate Action Plan; and

51 WHEREAS, the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate passed a closely related companion resolution  
52 (63-R-12, from which this resolution was derived) by unanimous vote on Monday, October 22, 2019.

53 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the University Senate calls upon the University to  
54 reevaluate its current trajectory towards accomplishing the goal of carbon neutrality by 2050  
55 established within the Climate Action Plan; and

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University Senate calls on UW-Eau Claire and the  
57 University of Wisconsin System to collaborate with selected architectural & engineering services  
58 firms to certify all future newly constructed buildings within the UW-Eau Claire community as  
59 sustainable by a third-party; and

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University Senate calls on UW-Eau Claire and the  
61 University of Wisconsin System to collaborate with the UW-Eau Claire Foundation to encourage the  
62 certification of future constructed buildings within the UW-Eau Claire community as sustainable by a  
63 third-party; and

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University Senate calls for the construction of a  
65 high-performance, energy efficient, flagship, third-party certified sustainable New Science Building  
66 that aligns with UW-Eau Claire's commitment to public health and wellbeing; and

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University Senate calls upon UW-Eau Claire to take  
68 immediate, deliberate, and decisive action that seeks to establish an intent to construct a high-  
69 performance, energy efficient, flagship, third party certified sustainable building within the scope of  
70 the New Science Building; and

71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University Senate calls upon the University  
72 administration to issue a campus-wide statement on behalf of UW-Eau Claire, acknowledging the  
73 Global Climate Crisis, its impact on our campus-community, and what steps UW-Eau Claire as an  
74 institution is taking towards mitigation; and

75 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the University Senate will continue to demand  
76 accountability from the University in encouraging a culture of sustainability within the campus  
77 community that will allow UW-Eau Claire to continue to educate and foster excellence for  
78 generations to come.

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