UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE
BILL: Allocating Funding to Support LEED Certification of the Science and Health Science Building

NUMBER: 66-B-4    DATE: October 10, 2022
INTRODUCED BY: Sydney McGuine, Senate Director, Student Office of Sustainability

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin –Eau Claire (UW-Eau Claire) is committed to the values "of sustainability and commitment to preserving and enhancing not only the natural beauty of our campuses, but also our built environment and the relationships that define the health and equity of our communities and region" (Strategic Plan 2025); and

WHEREAS, the Student Office of Sustainability is committed to allocating student dollars, in accordance with UW System 820 policy, toward sustainable initiatives that directly benefit our students; and

WHEREAS, the Student Office of Sustainability recognizes sustainability is found at the intersection of public wellbeing, ecological health, and economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, a certified LEED Science & Health Science building will be an opportunity for students to learn about and engage with sustainability from the built environment that surrounds them;

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire’ Climate Action Plan aspires to identify and reduce high carbon emission through infrastructure aimed at energy efficiency and waste reduction of heat and water (Climate Action Plan 2018); and

WHEREAS, the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate demonstrated commitment to the sustainability of the Science and Health Science Building in the 65th session; and,

WHEREAS, attachment B provides 65-R-21, a resolution stating that Student Senate supports and urges that the new Science and Health Sciences building be carbon neutral and encourages exploration of LEED certification in order to ensure accountability for sustainability features; and,

WHEREAS, the Student Office of Sustainability’s General Assembly passed Attachment B on September 28th2022, with a vote of 6-0-0 in support of allocating $217,555 toward LEED design of the Science and Health Sciences Building; and
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that upon passage of this bill, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Senate echoes consent from the Student Office of Sustainability’s General Assembly to allocate up to $217,555 from the Green Fund to support the initiative outlined in Attachment B; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage of this bill, Student Senate will have allocated a total of $217,555 toward the sustainable design of the Science and Health Sciences Building as well as a resolution in attachment A supporting and encouraging these sustainability initiatives; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this bill, President Gaitan will transmit a copy to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs; Grace Crickette, Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration; Billy Felz, Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management; Brian Drollinger, Director of Risk Management, Safety, and Sustainability; Gregory Heinselman, Dean of Students; Kristin Schumacher, Director, University Centers; MJ Burkhardt, Executive Director of Marketing and Planning, Special Assistant to the Chancellor; Troy Terhark, Director, Facilities; Renee Strehlau, Campus Facilities Planner, Facilities; Associate Director of Facilities; Tracy Drier, Associate Director, Budget and Resource Planning; Quincy Nesgoda, Student Body President, UW-Eau Claire-Barron County; Evan Weiher, Chair, University Senate; Nicole Owen, Chair, University Staff Council; Julia Diggins, Interim President and Interim Executive Director of University Advancement.