

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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SA1819-008: Resolution to Approve Referendum Language Reapproving Green Fund on Fall Ballot

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WHEREAS, there is little or no money from the State to pursue making our campus more environmentally sustainable; and

WHEREAS, purchasing renewable energy and energy efficient systems for campus facilities on campus will, in the long run, decrease costs that students are paying for utilities for those facilities; and

WHEREAS; applications to the Green Fund are overseen by two student coordinators funded by Student Association, and then passed along for approval by the Joint Committee on Environmental Sustainability and Large Grant applications are further approved by the Segregated University Fee Allocation Committee (SUFAC) with final approval by the Student Senate; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the Green Fund have been used to purchase energy efficient and waste reducing systems. Examples of funded projects include low flow showerheads, energy efficient LED lights, a vermicomposting system, solar charging power stations, tower gardens, among other projects; and

WHEREAS, upon passage of this resolution that a referendum be completed during the Fall 2018 Student Association elections asking the UWL student body if they approve paying no more than \$7 per student per semester "Environmental Sustainability" Student Segregated fee that will be placed in an Environmental Sustainability Fund (Green Fund) totaling \$52,500 per year not to exceed \$210,000;

Maley Jurecki President, Student Senate

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the referendum language on the Fall 2018 ballot shall read:

The Green Fund is a student-proposed investment in renewable energy and energy efficient and environmentally sustainable projects for student-funded buildings (e.g., residence halls, the REC, The U, and Whitney) on the UWL campus.

Proposed Green Fund Projects include, but are not limited to:

- Solar Hot Water Heaters
- Wind Power
- Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- High-Efficiency LED lights in lighted signs
- Composting Systems for Food Waste
- Green Transportation

Do you support purchasing renewable energy or energy efficiency systems for the UWL campus by continuing your contribution up to \$7 per semester to the Green Fund through Segregated Fees?

- o YES
- \circ NO

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the complete text of this resolution be provided to the voters at the time of voting;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pending approval of the referendum, there will be a referendum every four years following to ask students if the fee should continue;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that money in the "Environmental Sustainability Reserve" can be carried over year to year for long-term projects;

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THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution be forwarded to Chancellor Joe Gow and Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Robert Hetzel.

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