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SA1819-042: Resolution Approving Referendum Language for an Eagle Dome on the Spring 2019 Election Ballot

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WHEREAS an inflatable dome has been proposed to cover the football field from November to March (no longer than 180 days per year) in order to increase space available for academic, athletic, and recreational activities; and

WHEREAS temporary inflatable domes have been used by universities throughout the Midwest, including UW-Oshkosh and Marquette, in order to utilize space that is unavailable during the winter months; and

WHEREAS a feasibility study was done for UW – La Crosse to assess the needs and costs of a dome both over the football field and the soccer field; and

WHEREAS the results of the feasibility study indicated the cost of an air-supported dome over the soccer fields (East of Reuter Hall) would require a dome approximately 271' x 406' costing \$3,553,373, and the cost of a smaller dome covering the football field (178' x 378') would cost \$2,658,205; and

WHEREAS based on discussion held by the stakeholders of this project, including Facilities, Planning & Management, the Budget Office, Student Senate, Athletics, The REC, Exercise Sports Science, and the Office of Student Affairs, the option that would fit the needs of the university most is the football field, especially given the lower cost to students; and

WHEREAS it is estimated that one third of the student body will use the space each semester, including but not limited to: more than 2,500 ESS activity course students, 1,625 intramural sports participants, 225 club sport athletes, and 550 student athletes, as well as more from the general student population for miscellaneous recreational use; WHEREAS the Eagle Dome will result in an increase of no more than \$26 in Student Segregated Fees per year (\$13.00 per semester) and will also include a contribution of \$950,000 from the university in funding for the project;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the language in bolded text below be provided to students on the ballot in the general student election occurring on Tuesday, April 23rd, 2019:



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An inflatable dome has been proposed to cover the football field (not the track) from November to March each year (no longer than 180 days) in order to increase space available for academic, athletic, and recreational activities. The Eagle Dome would allow students to utilize space that is now unavailable during the winter months. The turf football field will be available to academic departments, such as Exercise Sports Science, as well as Athletics, The REC, intramurals, club sports, student organizations, and for general student recreation.

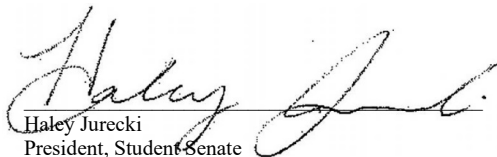
- **It is estimated that the Eagle Dome will cost \$2.65 million and is projected to open in Fall 2020.**
- **The dimensions would be 178 ft by 378 ft, standing at about 65 ft. tall (about as tall as the pillars of the stadium).**
The proposed hours of operation would be 6am – 11pm, 7 days a week, but will fluctuate based on student demand (similar to the REC).
The life expectancy of the dome is 25 years and the dome fabric has a warranty of 20 years.

The student segregated fee rate is currently \$1,348 and would increase by \$26 to fund the Eagle Dome project beginning in the 2019-20 school year.

Do you support purchasing an inflatable recreational dome for use on the UWL campus?

- YES
- NO

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the results of the referendum shall be non-binding and shall be reviewed and discussed by the Student Senate, who will vote to accept the results after the election not later than May 8th, 2019.


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