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SA1819-044: Resolution in Support of UW-La Crosse’s Capital Building Projects

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WHEREAS Governor Evers included the following capital building projects for UW-La Crosse in his capital plan recommendations: Prairie Springs Science Center Phase II, renovations to Coate Hall/Sanford Hall, a new Fieldhouse and Soccer Support Facility, and a renovation for Graff Main Hall’s HVAC system and

WHEREAS Prairie Springs Science Center Phase I has had a noticeable impact on our student population, including the 5,300 undergraduate majors in the College of Science and Health that frequently utilize the space, but it will not reach its full potential until Prairie Springs Science Center Phase II is completed and

WHEREAS UW-La Crosse’s current science building, Cowley Hall, was rated as an “F” for functional condition on the UW-System Regents’ Report and presents a hazard to students utilizing the space and

WHEREAS Prairie Springs Science Center Phase II will immensely benefit the over 10,000 students which comprise UW-La Crosse’s student body who will use the building in their academic career and

WHEREAS Both Coate and Sanford Residence Halls received “D” ratings for functional condition, both of which house over 600 students in total, are out of building code compliance, and present serious hazards to their occupants and

WHEREAS the proposed changes to the Coate and Sanford Residence Halls include gender neutral, accessible restrooms on all floors which supports UWL’s and UW System’s commitment to inclusivity and

WHEREAS Proposed improvements to fire and safety equipment, as well as the addition of an elevator within each residence hall, would ensure the safety of each student, and would increase accessibility in both residence halls and

WHEREAS The Fieldhouse and Soccer Support Facility would benefit both our academics and active students, and would provide our Exercise and Sport Science program with new space to conduct their classes and lab work and



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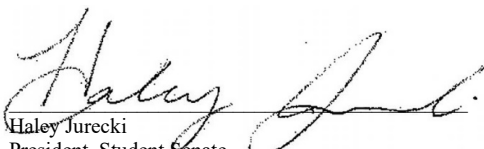
WHEREAS The Fieldhouse will be utilized by classes in our Exercise and Sport Science program and will free up more instructional space within our current athletics facility, Mitchell Hall, and would almost double instructional space from 75,000 square feet to 144,000 square feet and

WHEREAS The addition of a new fieldhouse would bolster our nationally-acclaimed sports teams, which currently practice in outdated and inadequate facilities, along with our intramural and club sports teams and


WHEREAS Graff Main Hall's has not had significant investment into the infrastructure since 1979, and is in need of HVAC renovation to replace obsolete and failed equipment, and to improve building efficiency

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UWL Student Senate encourages the Joint Finance Committee to include Prairie Springs Science Center Phase II, the renovations to Coate Hall/Sanford Hall, our Fieldhouse and Soccer Support Facility, and the renovation to Graff Main Hall's HVAC system in the state of Wisconsin's 2019-2021 capital budget and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the passage of this resolution, it be sent to the offices of all members of the Joint Finance Committee, Governor Tony Evers, Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, Senate Minority Leader Jennifer Shilling, and Speaker Robin Vos.


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