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SA1819-052: Resolution Endorsing the Eagle Dome

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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;

WHEREAS the previously approved referendum language was included on the ballot for the Spring elections and received 939 votes in favor (51%) and 872 votes opposed (48%); and



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WHEREAS according to SA1819-042, “the results of the referendum shall be non-binding and shall be reviewed and discussed by the Student Senate”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Student Association endorses an increase in segregated fees of \$13 per semester to be allocated toward the Eagle Dome.

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Haley Jurecki
President, Student Senate
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Benjamin O’Connell
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