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SA1920-029: Resolution to State the Importance of Sustainability in the UW System President Search

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WHEREAS the UW System President Search and Screen Committee, with the final approval from the Board of Regents will be selecting the future UW System President; and

WHEREAS the UW System President has the “full executive responsibility for the operation and management of the UW System”, a position that will set goals for the entirety of the UW System Institutions, can enforce standards, and start initiatives throughout the system; and

WHEREAS achieving more sustainable campuses can become a significant financial asset, allowing UW System Institutions to save money. Money that can be used to improve the quality of education that the UW System provides for students; and

WHEREAS achieving more sustainable campuses can have a positive impact on enrollment throughout the UW System, a University in touch with their students is an attractive University to those looking to attend in the future. Pursuing sustainability allows the UW System to receive recognition for their efforts, which will aid in extending the student bases that feed into the UW Institutions; and

WHEREAS Environmental Sustainability is a salient issue among current and future students across Wisconsin and will be an issue for the rest of their lives; and

WHEREAS roughly 10,000 Wisconsinites were involved in last month’s Climate Strikes and millions of others continue to protest throughout the world; and

WHEREAS the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse has failed to commit to going carbon neutral, not following the lead of the community that houses them. And failed to create the position of Sustainability Coordinator, dismissing the more than 25% of the student body that signed the petition; and

WHEREAS the UW System President and Board of Regents can provide incentives and set goals to launch system wide sustainability efforts, ensuring that all schools are making



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momentous progress toward the reduction of carbon emission and education of their students; and

WHEREAS current UW System President Ray Cross says “One of my primary responsibilities is listening to, and building lasting relationships with, the people and organizations that sustain us. With the support — and the voices — of everyone in the university and broader community, we can demonstrate our value, our role, and our impact in educating students and stimulating economic prosperity in Wisconsin.”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UW System President Search and Screen Committee pursue a candidate who continues to be a tireless advocate and voice for student concerns while prioritizing key issues that students are fighting for.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Student Senate expect that the UW System President Search and Screen Committee makes sustainability a priority in their decision for UW System President.

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to all the members of the UW System President Search and Screen Committee, President Cross, Student Representatives, and The Board of Regents.

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Dana Nielsen
President, Student Senate
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