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## SA1920-061: Resolution to Amend Student Senate Bylaws

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WHEREAS the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (UWL) is committed to working towards sustainable environmental excellence; and

WHEREAS UWL collects student segregated fees for the Green Fund so students and faculty can write grants to implement sustainable projects on campus; and

WHEREAS the chancellor's Joint Committee on Environmental Sustainability unanimously endorsed the Talloires Declaration in 2007 with intents for "strategic discussion and action concerning sustainability and environmental literacy on campus," as written in their document, Moving Toward a Sustainable Future at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse; and

WHEREAS Chancellor Joe Gow agreed with the committee's findings and signed the Talloires Declaration on Earth Day, April 22, 2008; and

WHEREAS the Green Fund Ad-hoc committee has successfully applied for mini and large fund grants in the past year; and

WHEREAS the future contributions by the Green Fund Committee, led by the Sustainability Director, would ensure that students are directly involved in the spending of student dollars for innovative, sustainable projects that would benefit students and our campus; and

WHEREAS the Student Organizations Committee was tasked with evaluating and recommending clarifying language to the Student Association bylaws; and

WHEREAS Article IV, Section 3.103, the term VACANT is recommended to be replaced with Rotating in order to clarify that this Senate seat is designed to be available to all student organizations (as defined by University Centers) on a rotating basis; and

WHEREAS the following language was added to the bylaws to further define the Rotating Senate seat: "The Rotating Senate seat can be awarded to another organization (as defined by University Centers) for one (1) Senate term through an application process



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defined by the Student Organizations Committee and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Article VII, Section 6.1 of the Student Association Senate Bylaws shall be changed to include the Green Fund Committee as 6.113;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the term Rotating replace the term VACANT and the additional language recommended by Student Organizations Committee be added to Article IV, Section 3.103;

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED upon approval of this resolution, the proposed changes to the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse Student Association bylaws will take place immediately.

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