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**SA2021-039: Resolution in Support of the Investment in the UW System & UWL  
Prairie Springs–Phase II in Wisconsin’s Next Biennial Budget**

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WHEREAS Governor Tony Evers has recommended an investment of \$190 million dollars to the University of Wisconsin System in the proposed biennial budget; and

WHEREAS included in the 2021-23 Capital Budget is funding for vital building and renovation projects at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse; and

WHEREAS the Governor’s 2021-23 biennial budget proposal includes funding for the construction of Prairie Springs-Phase II, an infrastructural improvement to campus which will be crucial in providing state-of-the-art classrooms, labs, and offices for the largest academic programs offered at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse; and

WHEREAS the current science building, Cowley Hall, has outdated infrastructure and does not provide students with an adequate learning environment or classroom space that is necessary to conduct their work; and

WHEREAS appropriating these resources will provide an opportunity to make a calculated investment in the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse to keep our College of Science and Health among the best in the region and state; and

WHEREAS the difficulties our society has faced throughout the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic have clearly demonstrated the importance of educating Wisconsinites in areas such as biology, chemistry, and public health in order to help our communities prepare for the potential of other crises; and

WHEREAS the local and regional economies in Western Wisconsin—which have languished on account of the pandemic—would likely benefit from a large-scale construction project like the creation of Prairie Springs-Phase II; and

WHEREAS Prairie Springs-Phase II relates directly to prioritizing Wisconsin’s future, improving failing infrastructure, and providing an essential economic boost to the area—all of which are extremely nonpartisan issues which we can all agree will benefit our state in a manner which outweighs any initial monetary investment;



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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Student Senate approves this resolution encouraging the appropriation of funding for Prairie Springs-Phase II, and investments in the University of Wisconsin System

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Student Senate sends it to the offices of Governor Tony Evers, Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes, University of Wisconsin System President Tommy Thompson, Senate Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu, Senate Minority Leader Janet Bewley, Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, Legislative Joint Finance Committee Co-Chairs Senator Howard Marklein and Assembly Representative Born, and all members of Joint Finance Committee for consideration during their budget deliberations.

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Olivia Ahnen  
President, Student Senate  
Vice President, Student Association

03-17-2021

Date

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Cate Wiza  
President, Student Association

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