SA 0910-061: Resolution Requesting the Creation of the UW System President’s Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainability

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WHEREAS; students have demonstrated high support of environmental issues on campus, as evidenced by the overwhelming results of the Green Fund Referendum and continued interest in the coal-fired heating plant; and,

WHEREAS; the majority of UW-System campuses have already formed sustainability committees or working groups to coordinate site-specific sustainability efforts; and,

WHEREAS; 11 of the 13 comprehensive and doctoral campuses have committed to taking substantial action on sustainability by becoming signatories on the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment or the Talloires Declaration; and,

WHEREAS; there are numerous higher-level sustainability issues that pose significant engineering and fiscal challenges; and,

WHEREAS; these challenges can best be addressed by a centrally coordinated group at the UW System level; and,

WHEREAS; a centrally coordinated group at the UW System level would allow for greater collaboration and synergy between campuses on sustainability issues; and,

WHEREAS; it is the UW System’s mission to, “to extend knowledge and its application beyond the boundaries of its campuses;” and,

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Karly Wallace Date
President, Student Senate
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Erik Kahl Date
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WHEREAS; the University of Wisconsin System’s active commitment to sustainability will enhance campuses’ capacity to undertake their unique educational missions; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the UW-La Crosse Student Association supports the creation of the UW System President’s Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainability as outlined in the attachment; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the UW-La Crosse Student Association requests that Chancellor Joe Gow support the creation of the UW System President’s Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainability, and communicate that support to UW System President Kevin Reilly; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that a copy of this resolution and its attachment be forwarded to the president of each Student Association across the UW System, to Student Regents Opgenorth and Wingad and any others deemed appropriate.