

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE  
STUDENT SENATE**

**Bill: STUDENT INITIATIVE THIRD-PARTY GREEN BUILDING CERTIFICATION OF  
THE SONNENTAG COMPLEX**

**NUMBER 64-B-16 DATE: April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**INTRODUCED BY: Trenton Phillippi, Finance Director**

1           WHEREAS, the Student Senate Finance Commission adopted a new bylaw during the 2017-2018  
2 academic year to allow for student initiatives to be funded by segregated fees; and  
3           WHEREAS, this process may be found in CHAPTER XII, SUBCHAPTER 9, PART 6, Section  
4 ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES SPECIAL ALLOCATION ACCOUNT of the Bylaws; and  
5           WHEREAS, third-party green building certification is an audit conducted by an independent  
6 organization to make sure that sustainability was included in the building design and construction; and  
7           WHEREAS, in April of 2021, Student Body President Ziebell submitted a request to the Student  
8 Senate Finance Commission to fund up \$150,000 for third-party green building certification for the  
9 Student Referendum building of the Sonnentag Complex; and  
10          WHEREAS, the Sonnentag Complex design phase is planned to be finalized in the summer of  
11 2021 and building construction to begin in fall of 2021; and  
12          WHEREAS, the Student Senate Finance Commission evaluated, exchanged ideas, deliberated,  
13 and voted on the Student Initiative proposal at their meeting on April 7, 2021; and  
14          WHEREAS, the Student Senate Finance Commission passed a motion to fund this initiative up to  
15 \$150,000 with the stipulation that these funds only contribute to the price of the certificate itself and  
16 the costs associated with the inspection to obtain the certificate;  
17          BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that upon passage, the Student Senate will allocate up to \$150,000  
18 to fund the cost of the third-party green building certificate itself and the costs associated with the  
19 inspection to obtain the third-party green building certification; and  
20          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the allocation cannot be used for other sustainable infrastructure  
21 projects for the Sonnentag Complex; and  
22          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Senate urges the Sonnentag Complex project to be third-  
23 party green building certified and to ensure all third-party certification planning is done before any  
24 physical building construction has begun; and  
25          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if the allocated money is not used for the specific guidelines for  
26 third-party green building certification, the money will return to the Special Allocation account under  
27 the Finance Commission; and  
28          BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, President Ziebell will  
29 transmit a copy to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost and  
30 Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs; Dr. Warren Anderson, Vice Chancellor, Equity,  
31 Diversity, Inclusion and Student Affairs; Grace Crickette , Vice Chancellor, Finance and  
32 Administration; Billy Felz, Interim Vice Chancellor, Enrollment; LaRue Pierce, Dean of  
33 Students; Kristin Schumacher, Director, University Centers; Justice Wesson, Student Body  
34 President, UW-Eau Claire-Barron County; Evan Weiher, Chair, University Senate; Nicole Owen,

- 35** Chair, University Staff Council; Tracy Drier, Director of Budget and Resource Planning; and  
**36** Jacqueline Kriesel, Controller, Administration & Finance; Kim Way, President. The UW-Eau Claire  
**37** Foundation: Brad Kemis, Market and Johnson