

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

BILL: Funding Student Research on Human-Wildlife Interactions

NUMBER: 66-B-12 DATE: March 27, 2023

INTRODUCED BY: Sydney McGuine, Senate Director, Student Office of Sustainability

1 WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin –Eau Claire (UW-Eau Claire) is committed to the values
2 “of sustainability and commitment to preserving and enhancing not only the natural beauty of our
3 campuses, but also our built environment and the relationships that define the health and equity of our
4 communities and region”¹; and

5 WHEREAS, the Student Office of Sustainability is committed to allocating student dollars, in
6 accordance with UW System 820 policy, toward sustainable initiatives that directly benefit our students;
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8 WHEREAS, the Student Office of Sustainability recognizes sustainability is found at the
9 intersection of public wellbeing, ecological health, and economic prosperity; and

10 WHEREAS, the Student Office of Sustainability’s General Assembly passed, unanimously on 15
11 March 2023, attachment A, in support of allocating \$17,810 dollars toward human-wildlife interactions
12 research; and

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14 WHEREAS, this research lead by Professor Smith will not only give the team of students the
15 opportunity to learn, but also allow them to return to Eau Claire with knowledge to share on human
16 interactions with wildlife so we can improve as a campus community on our interactions with nature;
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18 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the University of Wisconsin –Eau Claire Student Senate echoes
19 consent from the Student Office of Sustainability’s General Assembly, to allocate \$17,810 toward this
20 initiative; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, the research team will be able
22 to research in California for the summer of 2023 and return to UW-Eau Claire with new knowledge to
23 share with our campus community; and

24 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this bill, President Gaitan will transmit a copy to
25 Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs; Grace
26 Crickette, Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration; Billy Felz, Vice Chancellor of Enrollment
27 Management; Brian Drollinger, Director of Risk Management, Safety, and Sustainability; Gregory
28 Heinselman, Dean of Students;; Tracy Drier, Associate Director, Budget and Resource Planning; Quincy
29 Nesgoda, Student Body President, UW-Eau Claire-Barron County; Evan Weiher, Chair, University Senate;
30 Nicole Owen, Chair, University Staff Council;