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

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

WHEREAS, the Student Office of Sustainability is committed to allocating student dollars, in accordance with UW System 820 policy, toward sustainable initiatives that directly benefit our students; and

WHEREAS, the Student Office of Sustainability recognizes sustainability is found at the intersection of public wellbeing, ecological health, and economic prosperity; and

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

WHEREAS, this research lead by Professor Smith will not only give the team of students the opportunity to learn, but also allow them to return to Eau Claire with knowledge to share on human interactions with wildlife so we can improve as a campus community on our interactions with nature; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire Student Senate echoes consent from the Student Office of Sustainability’s General Assembly, to allocate $17,810 toward this initiative; and

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

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