UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE

BILL: Annual Campus Food Pantry Fundraiser

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INTRODUCED BY: Mei Bean, On-Campus Senator, and the Intergovernmental Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, food insecurity is defined as “A lack of consistent access to enough food for every person in a household to live an active, healthy life. This can be a temporary situation for a family or can last a long time.” by the USDA; and

WHEREAS, an article produced by UW Madison states, “The 2016 national study “Hunger on Campus” estimated that 20 percent of students at four-year institutions are food insecure...”; and

WHEREAS, food insecurity has historically affected students of color and first-generation students more heavily than traditional students; and

WHEREAS, the campus food pantry is heavily utilized resource on campus; and

WHEREAS, according to the director of the campus food pantry 25% of UW Eau Claire Students are currently facing food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, the campus pantry director is quoted as stating, “We’ve seen an increase in usage this semester and we don’t get an annual budget of any kind”; and

WHEREAS, the mission statement of Student Senate states, “The mission of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Senate is to represent the student body to the University and the community and to ensure readily-available student resources, diverse and enriching student development opportunities, and a positive and fulfilling student life experience.”; and

WHEREAS, the campus pantry is “run by student volunteers and open exclusively to University students, Campus Harvest is an easy way for our campus community to become a more unified whole. A majority of our products are collected through donations (both monetary and nutritional) from the campus and community.”; and

WHEREAS, the campus food pantry relies fully on donations from the community; and

WHEREAS, future senators may refer to the documents in attachment B; and

WHEREAS, future senators may update the documents at their own discretion; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED; the IGA commission of Student Senate will hold an annual fundraiser for the campus food pantry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; this will be editing Chapter III, Section 10, Part 11 of the IGA bylaws. “Work with the commission to organize an annual neighborhood block party to strengthen community relations.” to add “and support the campus pantry”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; the documents contained in attachment B will be compiled into a binder which will be kept by the current session’s director of IGA; and
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this bill, 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; Gregory Heinselman, Dean of Students; Kristin Schumacher, Director, Quincy Nesgoda, Student Body President, UW-Eau Claire-Barron County; Evan Weiher, Chair, University Senate; Nicole Owen, Chair, University Staff Council; Molley Gardner, Market Manager of Dining; Sarah Snyder, Director of the campus food pantry