

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE  
STUDENT SENATE

**BILL: Annual Campus Food Pantry Fundraiser**

**NUMBER: 66-B-14    DATE: April 3, 2023**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31            BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; the documents contained in attachment B will be  
32 compiled into a binder which will be kept by the current session’s director of IGA; and

33           BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this bill, that upon passage of this bill,  
34 President Gaitan will transmit a copy to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost and  
35 Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs; Grace Crickette, Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration; Billy  
36 Felz, Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management; Gregory Heinselman, Dean of Students; Kristin  
37 Schumacher, Director, Quincy Nesgoda, Student Body President, UW-Eau Claire-Barron County; Evan  
38 Weiher, Chair, University Senate; Nicole Owen, Chair, University Staff Council; Molley Gardner,  
39 Market Manager of Dining; Sarah Snyder, Director of the campus food pantry