UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE

BILL: Bulk Donation to Support the Campus Harvest Pantry

NUMBER: 66-B-19 DATE: April 17th, 2023
INTRODUCED BY: Jake Hicks, Off-Campus Senator, Student Office of Sustainability

WHEREAS, the bylaws of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (UW-Eau Claire) Student Senate prescribes that the body “represents the interests of the students at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire by authoring and passing legislation to improve student life and the overall quality of the University”; and

WHEREAS, the Student Office of Sustainability is charged with facilitating spending of the Green Fund in accordance with UW System 820 policy to achieve their goals; and

WHEREAS, the Student Office of Sustainability defines sustainability as the intersection of environmental health, economic prosperity, and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Campus Harvest Pantry provided over 12,000 pounds of food to over 400 students in 2022; and

WHEREAS, a disproportionate amount of these students are a part of marginalized communities or of low income; and

WHEREAS, the Campus Harvest Pantry provides other non-perishables such as hygiene products and menstrual products; and

WHEREAS, with the move of the Campus Closet, the Campus Harvest Pantry has plenty of storage space for non-perishables; and

WHEREAS, the Campus Harvest Pantry has no centralized source of funding; and

WHEREAS, the Campus Harvest Pantry is funded by donations from sources such as Fireball tips and local church drives; and

WHEREAS, the Campus Harvest Pantry is spending roughly $2,000 – $3,000 a month but only received roughly $9,000 in monetary donations in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Snyder, the pantry lead, projects their UWEC Foundation account will be depleted in 2-3 years’ time; and

WHEREAS, due to financial and inflationary pressures, as well as an upcoming destruction of Brewer Hall; the pantry needs more institutional support; and

WHEREAS, a bulk donation would allow the pantry to stockpile non-perishables such as menstrual products, hygiene products, as well as microwavable food for the sake of on-campus students; and

WHEREAS, this donation would provide a financial buffer for the pantry as it runs a deficit and plans to move locations; and
WHEREAS, 453 distinct individuals used the pantry in 2022 (February – December), while 315 distinct individuals have already used the pantry in 2023 (as of April 7th); and

WHEREAS, more students are expected to utilize the pantry whilst in Brewer Hall due to increased and upcoming advertising via tabling and the hydroponics pilot; and

WHEREAS, when Brewer Hall is demolished, Sarah Snyder will be leading a move to a more accessible location, prompting greater demand; and

WHEREAS, providing a more robust source of free, accessible, and vital resources is imperative to the mental and physical well-being and performance of the students at the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire

WHEREAS, the Green Fund has room to spare in the budget to fund this critical project; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Student Office of Sustainability will be donating $10,000 from the Green Fund to the Campus Harvest Pantry Foundation account; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the spending and usage of items provided by this funding will be compiled by Sarah Snyder and sent to the Student Office of Sustainability; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this bill, President Gaitán will transmit a copy of this bill to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Greggory Heinselman, Dean of Students; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor, Sarah Snyder, Student Assistance Manager, Academic Affairs; Grace Crickette, Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration; Billy Felz, Interim Vice Chancellor, Enrollment Management; Teresa O’Halloran, Interim Assistant Chancellor of EDI; Selika Ducksworth, Interim Executive Director for EDI Engagement; Evan Weiher, Chair, University Senate; Quincy Nesgoda, Student Body President, UW Eau Claire-Barron County; Gary Wheeler, Interim Campus Director, UW Eau Claire-Barron County

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