

**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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 WHEREAS, this donation would provide a financial buffer for the pantry as it runs a
30 deficit and plans to move locations; and

31 WHEREAS, 453 distinct individuals used the pantry in 2022 (February – December),
32 while 315 distinct individuals have already used the pantry in 2023 (as of April 7th); and

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

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

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

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

42 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Student Office of Sustainability will be donating
43 \$10,000 from the Green Fund to the Campus Harvest Pantry Foundation account; and

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

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

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