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Resolution in support of the proposal to amend sections 8.11 And 28.204 (6) of the Green Bay Municipal Code, relating to Noxious Weeds and Unmanaged Plant Growth to include protections for the development and maintenance of natural plant growth and landscaping.

Whereas: The University of Wisconsin—Green Bay Student Government Association is committed to maintaining a more sustainable campus and greater Green Bay community.

Whereas: Changing the Green Bay Municipal Code to allow for managed natural landscaping will allow concerned citizens to develop and maintain islands of biodiversity to increase habitat and foster growth of native plant and animal species.

Whereas: The Student Government Association is cognizant of the fact that current lawn care practices are both unnatural in this area and harmful to the environment. The monoculture lawn care practice predominantly used in this area encourages if not requires the use of pesticides and herbicides to maintain uniform lawn and unnecessary amounts of treated water to maintain. Additionally, these pesticides and herbicides are predominantly petroleum based products that are hazardous to the environment when applied as well as in their manufacture and transport. Furthermore, these products require significant amounts of fossil fuels to produce, and are as such a waste of scarce resources.

Whereas: The Student Government Association believes it is time for both the UWGB campus and the city of Green Bay to promote the development of natural landscapes to protect natural plant and animal life and to conserve increasingly scarce fossil fuel supplies.

Therefore: Be it resolved that the students of UW – Green Bay support the amendments to Sections 8.11 and 28.204 (6) of the Green Bay Municipal Code that allow residents to both maintain and develop natural landscapes within the city of Green Bay.

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