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Resolution in support of approving the environmental affairs committee recommendation to use sustainability funding to invest in a PV solar array on the Mauthe Center.

Whereas: The Sustainability Fund is an SGA initiated program to implement sustainable projects on campus to reduce the university's carbon footprint.

Whereas: The Student Senate has authorized the Environmental Affairs committee to review and recommend projects that they deem sustainable and appropriate for Senate discussion. After much discussion and review of project alternatives, the Environmental Affairs committee recommends that the Student Senate approve investing the entirety of the Sustainability Fund, \$18,200, in the development of a solar electricity array.

Whereas: John Hippensteel, from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, has produced a Solar Assessment for the Mauthe Center that suggests that a location on the roof of the Mauthe Center may be ideal for such a project.

Whereas: This initial investment from the Student Senate, coupled with the investment from the Campus Sustainability Committee could pay for the complete development and implementation of a solar array up to 5 kW.

Whereas: The committee believes the positive environmental impact of this project is immensely greater than other alternative options. Also, this project would provide a visible, albeit less visible, project to broadcast the campus' and SGA's commitment to reducing the university's carbon footprint, while providing educational opportunities for the student body.

Whereas: The committee understands that the Mauthe Center is technically off campus; however, the by-laws allow for off campus projects that can have on campus effects. The air pollution abatement from this project is one such effect.

Moreover: The committee has confirmed with the Mauthe Center, that all cost savings would be placed into a fund to maintain, repair, and/or expand the solar array as dictated by the Environmental Affairs Committee in conference with the director of the Mauthe Center.

Therefore: Be it resolved that the Student Senate, and by extension, the student body, supports the development of a solar array on or near the Mauthe Center.

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