



SGA
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
 of UW-STEVENS POINT

LEGISLATIVE COVER SHEET

Statute For Implementation Plan of Climate Change Acknowledgment Statement

Legislative Title

Legislative Affairs Committee

Sponsoring Committee

Summary:

This statute is an implementation plan for the climate change Acknowledgment statement.

Bill Number:

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Date of Action: *3/29/2024*

Sponsoring Committee	Rules Committee	General Assembly
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<i>Y / N / A</i>	<i>Y / N / A</i>	<i>Y / N / A</i>
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Chair's Signature	Chair's Signature	Chair's Signature
Constitution Review Committee <i>If the legislation is a bylaw amendment or constitutional amendment, it must pass through Constitution Review Committee</i>		
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Chair's Signature		

 Presidential Signature | Date

If applicable, veto override: *Y / N*

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Attach Explanation

 Speaker of the Senate signature, if applicable | Date

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2 **Statute for Implementation Plan of Climate Change Acknowledgement Statement**
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4 **Whereas**, The University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point (UWSP) and Student Government
5 Association (SGA) wrote a Climate Change Acknowledgement Statement for the university;
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7 **Whereas**, In recognition of the urgency of climate change, an implementation plan is essential
8 to outline the effective dissemination and incorporation of the statement across the university
9 community;
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11 **Therefore, it be Resolved**, The Climate Change Acknowledgement Statement will be
12 prominently featured on the UWSP website. A dedicated webpage with comprehensive
13 information about the Climate Change Acknowledgement will be developed and made easily
14 accessible;
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16 **Therefore, be it Further Resolved**, The full Climate Change Acknowledgement Statement will
17 be presented at the following UWSP activities and events:
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- 19 I. The first general assembly meeting of SGA and Common Council each semester (Fall,
20 Spring);
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22 **Therefore, be it Further Resolved**, The Climate Change Acknowledgement Statement is
23 encouraged to be presented at UWSP activities and events, including but not limited to:
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- 25 I. Convocation
26 II. Commencements
27 III. UWSP sponsored events in Stevens Point and the surrounding communities
28 IV. Orientation introductory meetings
29 V. Campus-wide events (i.e., concerts, theatre performances, etc.)
30 VI. On-campus special workshops, meetings, conferences, and trainings
31 VII. Sporting events;
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33 **Therefore, be it Further Resolved**, The individual(s) delivering the Climate Change
34 Acknowledgement Statement should be the host of the event;
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36 **Therefore, be it Further Resolved**, The Climate Change Acknowledgement Statement can be
37 incorporated into relevant UWSP promotional and recruitment materials, including but not
38 limited to newsletters and brochures, at the discretion of the office or organization producing the
39 materials;
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41 **Therefore, be it Further Resolved**, Faculty are encouraged to include the Climate Change
42 Acknowledgement Statement as part of their syllabi;
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44 **Therefore, be it Further Resolved**, Housing and Residence Life is encouraged to prominently
45 display the Climate Change Acknowledgement Statement in the lobby areas of all 13 residence
46 halls;

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48 **Therefore, be it Further Resolved**, Campus Activities and Student Engagement (CASE) is
49 encouraged to include the Climate Change Acknowledgement Statement on QUEST to be
50 visible and serve as a reminder for future/potential UWSP employees about the importance of
51 climate action;

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53 **Therefore, be it Further Resolved**, Students and faculty are encouraged to include the
54 following statement in their campus email signature:

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56 "I study and work on a campus actively acknowledging the urgent realities of climate change. In
57 my academic and professional pursuits, I am dedicated to promoting eco-conscious practices
58 and advocating for sustainability. Let's inspire positive change together by embracing green
59 initiatives and fostering a culture of environmental responsibility.";

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61 **Therefore, be it Further Resolved**, UWSP SGA strongly encourages the Chancellor, senior
62 leadership, and foundation members to explore ways to reduce the university's carbon footprint
63 and support sustainability initiatives. This action will demonstrate our institution's significant and
64 steadfast commitment to addressing climate change and preserving the environment for future
65 generations;

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67 **Therefore, be it Further Resolved**, This statement will be revisited every three years during
68 the Fall semester by Student Government Association, Environmental Advocacy Center, and
69 other relevant stakeholders;

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71 **Therefore, be it Finally Resolved**, Upon approval, this statute will be sent to Chancellor
72 Thomas Gibson, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Senior Diversity Officer Al Thompson,
73 Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs La Vonne Cornell-Swanson, Vice Chancellor
74 for Business Affairs Pratima Gandhi, Chief of Staff Rob Manzke, Dean of Students Troy
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76 Communication Dean Valarie Cisler, College of Letters and Science Dean Joshua Hagen,
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95 **Sponsoring Committee:** Legislative Affairs Committee

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97 **Date:** 3/4/2024

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