## Legislative Cover Sheet

**Resolution in Support of University of Wisconsin System Power Purchase Agreement**

**Environmental & Sustainability Affairs**

**Sponsoring Committee**

**Summary:**
Resolution by UWSF SGA to support PPA at UW System level and supporting partnership between UW System institutions.

**Bill Number:** 2017.48. R.005  
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**Date Presented:**  
**Date of Action:**

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**Chair's Signature**

**Constitution Review Committee**

*If the legislation is a bylaw amendment or constitutional amendment, it must pass through Constitution Review Committee*

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**Chair’s Signature**

**Presidential Signature**  
**Date:** 2/2/17

**If applicable, veto override:**

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**Speaker of the Senate signature, if applicable**  
**Date:**
Resolution in Support of University of Wisconsin System Power Purchase Agreement

Whereas: Through the use of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs), the University of Wisconsin System currently ensures that 14% of its annual electrical usage is sourced from renewable energy generation;

Whereas: The RECs purchased by the University of Wisconsin System (UW System) are brokered through Wisconsin Public Service and cost $36.00 per MegaWatt hour (MWh), or $0.036 per kilowatt hour (kWh) in Fiscal Year 2016;

Whereas: The University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point (UWSP) has shown their commitment to renewable energy production by purchasing third party sourced RECs to cover 100% of the electricity used on its campus per year. These RECs were purchased for $0.95 per MegaWatt hour (MWh), or $0.00095 per kWh in Fiscal Year (FY) 2016;

Whereas: A Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) is a method for purchasing bodies of electrical and thermal energy by financing renewable energy production in a market where the financing body is not responsible for the management of the energy generation but retains the rights to the generated RECs;

Whereas: A PPA is a legal contract between an electricity generator (provider) and a power purchaser. Contracts last between 5 and 20 years, during which time the power purchaser buys energy, and sometimes also capacity and/or ancillary services, from the electricity generator;

Whereas: Agreements such as these play a key role in the financing of independently owned (i.e. not owned by a utility) electricity generating assets;

Whereas: An investment in a 20 MegaWatt PPA could save the UW System $14.4 million on average over a 15-year term, but could save the UW System as much as $26.9 million, according to estimates generated by the UW-Milwaukee Sustainability Office;

Whereas: A PPA can be a stable energy investment, providing return against ever rising energy costs;

Whereas: Given the alternative purchase agreement described above, it would be financially beneficial for the UW System to update its current renewable energy investments;

Therefore be it resolved: The Student Government Association (SGA) of UWSP advocates for and endorses the investment in a renewable energy PPA for the UW System;
Therefore be it further resolved: The SGA of UWSP encourages collaboration by all UW System Schools on this endeavor;

Therefore be it finally resolved: Upon approval by SGA, this resolution be sent to UWSP Chancellor Bernie Patterson, UWSP Vice-Chancellor of Business Affairs Greg Diemer, UWSP Vice Chancellor of University Advancement Chris Richards, UWSP Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Al Thompson, UWSP Provost Greg Summers, UWSP SGA President John Peralta, UW System President Ray Cross, Governor Scott Walker, Department of Administration Secretary Neitzel, UW-Stout Student Association, UW-Milwaukee Student Association, Associated Students of Madison, Oshkosh Student Association, UW-La Crosse Student Association, UW-Eau Claire Student Senate, UW-Green Bay Student Government Association, UW-River Falls Student Senate, UW-Platteville Student Senate, UW-Superior Student Government Association, UW-Parkside Student Government, UW-Whitewater Student Government, UW Colleges Student Governance Council.

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