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Resolution in support of establishing a campus wide program that begins the phase out of plastic bag use in favor of canvas and/or other reusable bags

Whereas: The phase out program be completed in a manner in which protects students from undue hardships in making the shift from plastic bags to the more sustainable alternative option.

Whereas: Steps are taken in order to make sure that the new bags are in fact more sustainable and environmentally responsible than the bags in which they are replacing.

Whereas: The use of plastic and paper bags requires significant amounts of energy, water, and/or petroleum for production, and these items represent a unnecessary percentage of the waste stream.

Whereas: UW-Green Bay has always been a leader in sustainable initiatives since its founding, and this measure to remove these single use bags will help bolster that image, and

Whereas: This initiative represents a highly visible display of our campus commitment to return to our Eco-U roots.

Therefore: Be it resolved that the students of UW – Green Bay support the development of a program to phase out the use of plastic bags on campus as a necessary step to achieve our mission as Eco-U.

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