



University of Wisconsin - Green Bay  
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University Union, Room UU151

## **Resolution in favor of transparency and improvement in snow removal**

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**Cosponsors:** Jasmine Puls, Lucas Weisshappel, Zea Miller (Speaker of the Senate)

*Whereas*, snow removal at the Green Bay Campus of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay has been outsourced to a third-party;

*Whereas*, the recent snow storm on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> (which though it left a large amount of snow, is not particularly exceptional in the amount of snow it left) has revealed that the snow removal system at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay is inadequate and neglectful of both residential and commuter students;

*Whereas*, residential parking lots in particular have been sorely neglected, to the point where some have, as of writing (February 23, 2023 at 9:00 PM), been untouched or mostly untouched by any snow plow;

*Whereas*, even in the event of a moderate or light amount of snowfall, the roads and parking lots on campus have consistently taken several days afterward to improve to a level of drivability comparable to the roads off-campus;

*Whereas*, several faculty members have mentioned to the author that snow removal on this campus has not always been as it is currently;

*Whereas*, in addition to being a safety concern, a poor snow removal system is a significant financial liability for the University and owners of motor vehicles;

*Whereas*, the conditions of the sidewalks and roads on campus do not follow ADA regulations and pose a serious safety issue for able-bodied and disabled students and faculty/staff alike;

*Therefore, be it resolved* that this body strongly urges the University to reconsider and evaluate its system of snow removal, namely its practice of having outsourced it to a third-party



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contractor, and whether it would be in this University's best interest to have further resources allocated to snow removal;

*Be it further resolved* that this body invites the individual in charge of overseeing snow removal on this campus to the next meeting of this body (March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023) to announce how snow removal will be improved in light of the above facts, and to answer questions generally about snow removal;

*Be it further resolved*, that this body generally expresses its concern for the neglect of the residential and visitor areas of this campus;

*Be it further resolved*, that this body commends Provost Kate Burns for swiftly moving classes online for part of Wednesday, February 22 and all of Thursday, February 23;

*Be it finally resolved*, that this body requests a written report detailing snow removal at this campus and how it might be improved be delivered to it within a month after this resolution's passage.



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was passed unanimously by the Student Senate on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and is respectfully signed by the UW-Green Bay Student Government Association Executive Officers on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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President

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Vice President

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Speaker of the Senate