WHEREAS, on December 7, 2009, the Student Senate voted in favor of the Blugold Commitment with a financial aid package not to exceed 40% of total; and

WHEREAS, Student Senate voted against reducing the maximum percentage of total to 35%; and

WHEREAS, that part-time students were not included in the automatic distribution of financial aid for the Blugold Commitment increase; and

WHEREAS, that manually determining the financial aid award based upon credit load and expected EFC would make effective financial aid distribution nearly impossible; and

WHEREAS, that those with an EFC of $7,000 or less but above Pell eligibility are considered at most risk for financial hardship; and
WHEREAS, Student Senate deems it a priority of the Blugold Commitment to facilitate access to and retention at UW-Eau Claire;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the financial aid package of the Blugold Commitment be pegged to 37%; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all full-time students with an EFC of $7,000 or less be held harmless for the BGC tuition increase; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if it is not fiscally possible to cover all those with an EFC of $7,000 or less, then all Pell eligible students be held harmless, and the remainder of financial aid be applied to students with EFC above Pell eligibility but below $7,000 equally; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all part-time students with an EFC of $7,000 or less receive a grant of 50% of the full-time tuition increase; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all excess financial aid be applied to those with an EFC of above $7,000 but below $10,000 equally; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if all those with an EFC of $10,000 or less are held harmless then the excess financial aid funds be placed into the general BGC fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 3% of the total annual Blugold Commitment value be placed into an Appeals Fund for financial aid appeals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appeal Fund balance will be pegged to 3% of the total value of the Blugold Commitment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appeals Fund be allocated at the beginning of each fiscal year. Any carry-over in the fund at the end of the year will be placed back into the general BGC fund; and
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President Jambrek transmit a copy of this bill to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; Dr. Brian Carlisle, Dean of Students; Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair, University Senate; Kathy Sahlhoff, Director, Financial Aid.