RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

CHANCELLOR BRIAN LEVIN-STANKEVICH

WHEREAS, Brian Levin-Stankevich served as the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire from 2006 to 2012, infusing a student-first approach into all major initiatives and decisions, especially the Blugold Commitment, a unique partnership between students and the university to provide high-impact educational experiences to all UW-Eau Claire students; and

WHEREAS, Brian oversaw the successful reaccreditation of the university by the Higher Learning Commission, and led a collaborative strategic planning effort that resulted in a new mission statement and an eight-year “Centennial Plan,” which has guided annual priority-setting and budget decisions; and

WHEREAS, in support of the UW System’s Growth Agenda, Brian oversaw enrollment growth from 10,766 in 2006 to 11,234 in 2011; created the NanoSTEM initiative and major in Materials Science; and launched the System’s first Bachelor of Professional Studies degree; and

WHEREAS, Brian enhanced a university-wide focus on equity, diversity, and inclusiveness that resulted in an increase in the percentage of underrepresented minority students from 3.2% of new freshmen in 2005 to 8.1% in 2011, and also supported the creation of Blugold Beginnings, a pre-college access program for more than 2,000 underrepresented fifth-through-12th grade students; and

WHEREAS, Brian reflected the university’s values of stewardship and sustainability by becoming a signatory of the American College & University Presidents’ Climate Commitment, and witnessed under his tenure the university’s energy use decline by 19.4%; and

WHEREAS, Brian undertook creation of the first-ever Campus Facilities Master Plan, which received a Planning and Analysis award from the American Society of Landscape Architects, and developed nearly $100 million in campus construction projects, including a new student center, education building, and Children’s Center; and

WHEREAS, Brian concluded the university’s first comprehensive capital campaign, which exceeded the campaign goal by raising more than $54 million, and during his tenure the university received the largest single gift in its history -- $4.3 million -- and in all six years of his chancellorship annually raised more than $4 million in gifts;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System hereby offers thanks to Brian Levin-Stankevich for his outstanding service as Chancellor of UW-Eau Claire, and wishes him well as he continues his career as President of Westminster College in Utah.

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Michael J. Spector
President of the UW Board of Regents

Superior, Wisconsin
This Twelfth Day of April
Two Thousand Twelve