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51-R-13

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

REAFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE
MUSIC THERAPY PROGRAM

1 WHEREAS, on December 4, 2006, Student Senate passed a
2 resolution titled, "In Support of Retaining and Reallocating
3 Resources to the Music Therapy Program;" and

4 WHEREAS, this previous resolution, 50-R-19, passed by a
5 roll call vote, 20-3-0; and

6 WHEREAS, new information has come to light since the
7 passage of the resolution that broadens our perspective; and

8 WHEREAS, it has been established that the National
9 Association of Schools of Music (NASM) has never and will never
10 require a program to be administratively moved to a different
11 department for the purposes of accreditation; and

12 WHEREAS, it has also been established that NASM has never
13 and will never require the hiring of additional faculty for the
14 purposes of accreditation; and

15 WHEREAS, Music programs can be accredited when the Music
16 Therapy Program resides outside of the Music Department; and

17 WHEREAS, the only substantial argument for eliminating the
18 Music Therapy Program is due to a lack of financial resources;
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20 WHEREAS, we are currently in the middle of an historic
21 Strategic Planning process; and

22 WHEREAS, when this process is completed, the University
23 will next seek to prioritize its academic programs and services;
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25 WHEREAS, when this prioritization is completed, the
26 University will then go through a process of reallocating
27 resources to meet the needs of programs that align most with the
28 Strategic Plan and determine which programs these resources will
29 come from; and

30 WHEREAS, to prematurely determine which program will be
31 eliminated before the Strategic Plan is completed is inequitable
32 to the Music Therapy Program, the University, and the Eau Claire
33 Community; and

34 WHEREAS, the more appropriate time for determining the fate
35 of our academic programs and services is once the Strategic Plan
36 is completed; and

37 WHEREAS, Student Senate recognizes that when the Strategic
38 Plan is completed, all programs will need to be evaluated based
39 on how they align with the Plan;

40 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the UW-Eau Claire Student
41 Senate reaffirms its previous support for the continuation of
42 the Music Therapy Program; and

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UW-Eau Claire Student
44 Senate urges the Academic Policies Committee and University
45 Senate to consider the process of the Strategic Plan and how the
46 prioritization of programs will fit into it when making their
47 decision on the fate of the program; and

48 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage President
49 Raymond French transmit copies of this resolution to Dr. Brian
50 Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Steven Tallant, Provost/Vice
51 Chancellor; Andrew Soll, Vice Chancellor, Business & Student
52 Services; Andrew Phillips, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor,
53 Academic Affairs; Dr. Kimberly Barrett, Associate Vice
54 Chancellor, Student Development & Diversity; Dr. Donald
55 Christian, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences; Dr. V. Thomas Dock,
56 Dean, College of Business; Dr. Linda Wendt, Dean, College of
57 Nursing & Health Sciences; Dr. Gail Scukanec, Dean, College of
58 Education & Human Sciences; Dr. Robert Knight, Professor, Music
59 & Theatre Arts; Lee Anna Rasar, Professor, Public Health
60 Professions; Dr. Robert Hollon, Chair, Academic Policies
61 Committee; Academic Policies Committee Members: Dr. Barbara
62 Lozar, Dr. Rosemary Battalio, Dr. Janice Bogstad, Christopher
63 Cox, Dr. Robert Hooper, Dr. Debra Jansen, Dr. David Lonzarich,

64 Wanda Schulner, and Dr. Jan Stirm; Dr. Marty Wood, Chair,
65 University Senate; Mike Rindo, Executive Director, University
66 Communications; The Spectator; and Jesse Dixon, Acting Associate
67 Dean of Student Development, Student Development & Diversity.

Submitted by:
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