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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Music programs can be accredited when the Music Therapy Program resides outside of the Music Department; and
WHEREAS, the only substantial argument for eliminating the Music Therapy Program is due to a lack of financial resources; and

WHEREAS, we are currently in the middle of an historic Strategic Planning process; and

WHEREAS, when this process is completed, the University will next seek to prioritize its academic programs and services; and

WHEREAS, when this prioritization is completed, the University will then go through a process of reallocating resources to meet the needs of programs that align most with the Strategic Plan and determine which programs these resources will come from; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Student Senate recognizes that when the Strategic Plan is completed, all programs will need to be evaluated based on how they align with the Plan;
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate reaffirms its previous support for the continuation of the Music Therapy Program; and

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

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