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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF THE FORMATION OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON
OPENCOURSEWARE

1 WHEREAS, OpenCourseWare is a free and open digital
2 publication of high quality educational materials, organized as
3 courses; and

4 WHEREAS, an OpenCourseWare initiative aligns closely with
5 the educational and public service missions of a non-profit
6 institution of higher learning; and

7 WHEREAS, OpenCourseWare advances the institutional mission,
8 stimulates innovation, and generates alumni and community pride;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, OpenCourseWare builds global awareness of our
11 unique educational approach and curriculum; and

12 WHEREAS, OpenCourseWare provides a model demonstrating the
13 value of openness; and

14 WHEREAS, OpenCourseWare advances knowledge by unlocking
15 information for the benefit of all; and

16 WHEREAS, OpenCourseWare fosters connections with colleagues
17 around the world; and

18 WHEREAS, OpenCourseWare provides open access to high-
19 quality educational content to educators and learners for whom
20 the materials can make the most difference; and

21 WHEREAS, OpenCourseWare improves recruitment by helping the
22 right students find the right programs; and

23 WHEREAS, OpenCourseWare provides a resource for students,
24 faculty and alumni that supports learning and collaboration; and

25 WHEREAS, OpenCourseWare builds awareness to the unique
26 contributions that UW-Eau Claire faculty make to their
27 respective disciplines; and

28 WHEREAS, OpenCourseWare preserves a record of teaching
29 innovations and allows others to build upon them; and

30 WHEREAS, the key to success of OpenCourseWare relies on
31 faculty support; and

32 WHEREAS, OpenCourseWare provides a new vehicle for
33 contributing to faculty members' discipline, affords greater
34 visibility for themselves and their work, provides a valuable
35 service to faculty for enhancing the presentation of course
36 materials, provides an information resource and embraces faculty
37 values;

38 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate supports
39 the formation of an ad hoc committee to assess faculty support
40 of OpenCourseWare, develop specific goals, and devise a way to

41 measure and evaluate program performance against goals and
42 external benchmarks; and

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage of this
44 resolution, Vice Chancellor Soll be charged with putting
45 together the ad hoc committee on OpenCourseWare; and

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the findings of this committee
47 be reported back to the campus community, including the Student
48 Senate and University Senate by December 2008; and

49 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage President Raymond
50 French transmit copies of this resolution to Dr. Brian Levin-
51 Stankevich, Chancellor; Andrew Soll, Vice Chancellor, Business &
52 Student Services; Dr. Andrew Phillips, Interim Associate Vice
53 Chancellor, Academic Affairs; Dr. Marty Wood, Chair, University
54 Senate; Ann Lapp, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor, Student
55 Development & Diversity; and Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Associate Dean
56 of Student Development, Student Development & Diversity.

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